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SNOW IN SUMMER TIME.

QUICK-CHANGE WEATHER FEATS
IN LONDON.

SUNSHINE AND HAIL.

Summer Time started in England on
April 15th and on April 17th there was
hail, snow, thunder, lightning, and sun-
shine in various parts of the country.
Central London escaped the thunder
and the snow, but was visited by rain,
sunshine, hail, sunshine, more hail, and
more sunshine.

Darkness and light succeeded each other
in the City with the rapidity of lightning
changes.

Sudden showers on April 17th took
people so much by surprise that even
when near shelter they had to show a
good turn of speed to avoid being soaked.
An umbrella put up at Buckingham
Palace and soaked in the next sixty
seconds was bone dry by the time its
owner reached the other end of the Mall.

At one o'clock the shade temperature
in the City was 49 degrees, while that in
the sun was as much as 91.

MID-DAY STORM.

A mid-day storm broke over Penge with
extraordinary violence. Rain and hail
fell in blinding sheets, and vivid flashes
of lightning followed in quick succession.
The roar of the thunder for a few
minutes was almost continuous, and
frightened dogs and cats were seen to
run in all directions.

A house was struck, and a heavy brick-
work chimney torn and hurled to the
ground.

The storm passed quickly, and within a
few minutes the sun was shining again.

TWO STORMS MEET AT EPPING.

Two thunderstorms simultaneously ap-
proached Epping Forest just before noon.
One from the east was accompanied by
rain; the other, from the west, produced
large hail stones. At the fringes of the
forest each storm veered to the south, and
appeared to meet over the Thames-side
of Essex.

Sunshine returned to Brighton, and the
temperature jumped up to 60. In the very
early hours there was rain, thunder and
lightning.

Storms of snow and hail broke over
North Wales, serious damage being done
to fruit trees. Much bloom was destroyed
by hailstones. Snowdon, the highest of
Cader Idris and Penllynion were caped
with snow for miles.

TRAIN SNOWBOUND.

A terrific blizzard swept the border
railway of northern Sweden and Norway,
causing snowdrifts 12ft. deep.
A heavy electric snowplough which was
sent to relieve a snowbound passenger
train at Abisko itself became snowbound
as well as a subsequent auxiliary train.

TO FIND THE TRUTH.

UNIONIST M.P.'S TO TOUR
RUSSIA.

Four Unionist M.P.'s left London on
April 17th to enquire into trade condi-
tions in Russia.

They expect to cover more than 5,000
miles in the course of their tour, and to
include in their itinerary a flight of over
1,200 miles from Moscow to Baku.

The members are Sir Frank Nelson,
Captain Bourne, Mr. Boothby and
Colonel Moore.

They are anxious to avoid any idea of
being "shepherded," and it is frankly
their intention, if their movements are
restricted to a staged tour, to cut short
their visit.

"THE PRECISE POSITION."

Mr. Boothby, in an interview said:—
"We shall see a good many people in
Berlin to-morrow, shall spend three days
in Warsaw, and hope to make a great
many investigations. We want to see
what is the precise position between Ger-
many and Russia, and also between
Poland and Russia."

Sir Frank Nelson and myself are
very keen on currency problems. With
introductions to the governor of the State
Bank and to ministers of finance we
should soon be able to get down to
business.

WORLD STABILITY NEEDED.

"Most likely we shall go through the
Volga district as well. The trip is to last
about five weeks. Certainly we shall go
to Leningrad."

"This will be the first time that a
group of Conservative members of Par-
liament has visited Russia to study polit-
ical and social and economic conditions
under the new regime."

"We are going absolutely with open
minds, feeling as we do that the pre-
sent position is hopelessly unsatis-
factory."

"We cannot have world stability of
any sort or kind until we have some bet-
ter arrangement with Russia."

"Whether that can be done without
approving the principle of confiscation is
really what we are going to see. Our
own Foreign Office have rendered us very
great assistance, and I believe the Gov-
ernment regards the trip as very interest-
ing."

"We are all very keen to get at the
truth, and when we have got at it, we
shall not hesitate on our return, to tell
the country what our conclusions are."

"WHEN I WAS EDITOR."

JEROME K. JEROME'S AMUSING
REMINISCENCES.

Jerome K. Jerome contributes to Har-
per's Magazine an amusing collection of
reminiscences under the title "When I
was an Editor."

The Idler was a great success so far as
circulation was concerned. G. B. Burgin
was our sub-editor. He was a glutton for
work, even then, and his appetite seems
to have grown. He thinks nothing of
turning out three novels a year. I once
wrote two thousand words in a single day
and it took me the rest of the week to
recover.

Wells is even yet more wonderful. He
writes a new book while most people are
reading his last; throws off a history of
the world while the average schoolboy is
learning his dates; and invents a new
religion in less time than it must have
taken his godparents to teach him his
prayers. He has a table by his bedside,
and if the spirit moves him, will get up
in the middle of the night, make himself
a cup of coffee, write a chapter or so, and
then go to sleep again. During intervals
between his more serious work he will con-
test a Parliamentary election or conduct
a conference for educational reform.

Of Shaw it is said that he is never at
rest unless he is working. Shaw once
told me that he only had three speeches:
one about politics (including religion),
one about art (together with life in gen-
eral), and the other one about himself.

He said he found these three—with vari-
ations—served him for all purposes.

"People think I am making new
speeches," he said. "I'm repeating
things that I have told them over and
over again, if only they had listened. I'm
tired of talking. I wouldn't have to talk
one-tenth as much if people only listened."

There is only one way of countering
Shaw on a platform. It is hopeless try-
ing to cross wits with him. The only
thing is to force him to become serious.
Then I have known him to flounder. His
mind works like lightning.

Conan Doyle used to be another tremen-
dous worker. He would sit at a small
desk in a corner of his own drawing room,
writing a story, while a dozen people
round about him were talking and laugh-
ing. He preferred it to being alone in
his study. Sometimes, without looking
up from his work he would make a re-
mark showing he must have been listen-
ing to our conversation; but his pen had
never ceased moving. Barrie had the
same gift. He was a reporter on a pro-
vincial newspaper in his early days, and
while waiting for orders amid the babel
and confusion of the press room he would
curl himself up on a chair and, quite un-
disturbed, peg away at something dreamy
and poetic.

From shining examples of industry and
steadfastness I—being a lazy man myself—
found it a comfort to turn my thoughts
away to W. W. Jacobs. He has told me
himself that often he will spend (the word
is his own) an entire morning in con-
structing a single sentence. If he writes
a four thousand-word story in a month
he feels he has earned a holiday; and the
reason that he does not always take it
is that he is generally too tired.

He told me that if it hadn't been for
the Night Watchman he might have had
to give up writing. He had exhausted
all his own stories. For weeks he cud-
gled his brain in vain. Then suddenly in
desperation he seized his pen and wrote:

"Speaking of wimwams," said the Night
Watchman.

And after that it was plain sailing.
He left it to the Night Watchman. The
Night Watchman talked on.

A Scotchman who signed himself Cynicus
drew cartoons for The Idler—clever
sketches with a biting satire. He had a
quaint studio in Drury Lane and lived
there with his sisters. One used to meet
Ramsay MacDonald there. He was a
pleasant, handsome young man—so many
of us were, five and thirty years ago. He
was fond of lecturing. Get him on the
subject of Carlyle, and he would talk for
half an hour.

The Idler was not enough for me. I
had the plan in my mind of a new weekly
paper that should be a combination of
magazine and journal. I put my own
money into it and got together the rest.

"To-day" I suppose is now forgotten, but
though I say it who shouldn't, it was
a wonderful twopenny worth. Steven-
son's Ebb-Tide was our first serial. He
came to see me two or three times. He
was ill and looking forward to getting
out of England. It was always a diffi-
culty getting him to talk, but once started
he would go on without a break: remind-
ing me, in this respect, of Barrie. Maybe
(Continued on next Column).

"THE UNMARRYING GIRL."

VIOLA TREE'S ADVICE.

MARRY IF YOU HAVE THE
CHANCE.

I read an article the other day on the
subject of a girl, who was afraid to
marry, not for any old-fashioned reasons,
but because she didn't wish for self-
denial, writes Viola Tree in a Home
paper. The article was headed with the
immoral device, "The Unmarrying Girl."

It ended with, "This is her point of
view. Is it right?"

How could it ever be right, either from
the point of view of morality or even of
convenience and the mere enjoyment of
life? By not marrying, if she has the
chance, a girl misses quite three-quarters
of the duty and fun of life.

Being with a man or men is the only
kind of education, the only development
of character, otherwise one remains "a
kind of warped schoolgirl or school-
marm. That is why what in old days
was known as the "depraved" woman
is always said to be the best company.

Men have made her not only good com-
pany, but unselfish, thoughtful, restful,
and careful of her appearance.

It is true that the slovenly wife can be
the most unlovely thing in the world
(except the slovenly husband), but the
slovenly wife would make a still sloven-
lier spinster, and a noisy, restless, fussy
one at that, with her dog to feed, and her
friend's dog, and their tea to make every
few hours. For women left alone always
make tea. Freud, no doubt, would have
a special explanation of this, but I think
it goes back to the old primeval witches'
cauldron, into which deadly herbs were
fung.

I have been married thirteen years,
and during that time I have moved
house six times. That is bad, bad for one's
possessions, bad for the children, bad for
oneself; and it always comes from start-
ing on too large a scale.

I began in a cottage in a wood, ideally
happy; I never seemed to spend money
on anything but bath salts. But it seem-
ed too far away, and I next took an im-
mense house in London, which I proceed-
ed to do up from top to toe, and then
found that I had to let out bits of it to
artists, doctors, and pianists. The com-
munal life became too difficult, and with
the greatest difficulty we succeeded in
ridding ourselves of the white elephant.

We then took a thoroughly modern and
up-to-date house in Chelsea, but that ruin-
ed us still more, as it had a dinner lift,
so that the temptation to entertain was
irresistible. Then came a house in my
beloved Bloomsbury, which was still too
big, and had many, too many, stairs.
Then we fled to the opposite extreme
across the road to a tiny flat with
one big room which was bedroom and
living-room combined, half-bed and half-
piano.

We were very happy here, but we could
only get a very short lease, so once again
we had to move. Then we had a wind-
fall, and found our present bit of a house
here in Bloomsbury, where I hope we'll
stay.

But it's all been great fun, and great
experience, and men are known to be
long-suffering! Every day proves it.
Girls, don't bang about! If you have
the chance, MARRY!

It is a Scotch trait. A gentle, unassum-
ing man, he seemed to have no notion
that he was anybody of importance—or if
he had he kept it hidden.

"To-day" was an illustrated paper,
Phil May was one of those who used to
draw for it. It was difficult to get work
out of Phil May in his later years. He
would promise you—would swear by all
the gods he knew and then forget all
about it. I had a useful office boy. He
had a gift for sitting still and doing
nothing. He could sit for hours. It
never seemed to bore him. James was
one of his names.

"James," I would say, "you

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WHEN INSOLVENCY PAYS.
THE FRENCH FARMER AND THE
STATE.

[BY DIANA BOURBON.]

France at the moment offers a queer spectacle to anyone able to look even an inch below the surface apparent to the casual tourist. Her Government is insolvent—but her people are prosperous. Theoretically, the most crushing taxation pertaining anywhere except in England has been voted; in practice agriculture is practically exempt, and only a percentage of the rest is ever paid—the Treasury continues empty.

The currency is worth a fifth of its face value, and is rapidly going down the drain altogether; but there is no unemployment in France (quite the reverse, in fact) and no hardship except among the poorer professional classes and those on pre-war set incomes. Prices of every commodity are constantly soaring to keep pace with the pound or dollar value; yet French people still are able to buy.

In the concluding words of an extraordinary conversation I had with a Frenchman a short time ago: "Consider the case, frankly. England is heavily taxed, and the English are made to pay their taxes. What is the result? The Government is solvent and the people are poor. We French never pay our taxes—with the result that the people are rich and the Government poor? Which is better?"

BRIBING THE FARMER.

the people are rich. Take the case of the French farmer, for example. It is particularly interesting, because the English farmer, even on a large scale, can hardly make both ends meet, while the Frenchman (even on an allotment garden scale) makes money.

It is estimated that 62 per cent. of the total wealth of the French nation (as distinct from the French Government) is agricultural wealth. But it pays less than 11 per cent. of the country's taxes. In other words, the debt-ridden French Government makes a present of virtual tax immunity to the wealthiest section of the French community. . . . and with reason. The prosperity of her farmers—the backbone of the country—is of untold value to France—certainly far greater value than Treasury ability to compass the refunding of foreign debts.

France has grasped two essential facts in dealing with her agricultural situation: one, its primary importance to the nation as a whole; two, the necessity for offering the farmer a bribe (and a substantial one) to make it worth his while to go on farming.

Of the second fact the whole country is intensely aware—the French commercialists, who suffer from the tax-discrimination in favour of the farmer, and complain of it; the French newspapers, who, because their circulation is chiefly urban, revile it; the French politicians, who—longue in cheek—excuse it on the ground of the wholly imaginary poverty of the agricultural classes. Most of all, the country people themselves, who are exploiting it for all it is worth—astutely aware of their own value.

At whatever price, to the individual, to the State treasury, to the doctrine of just equality before the law—even before the tax-collector—special inducements must be made to keep a sufficiency of men on the land. It is known to everybody in France, and tacitly ignored, never published or openly put into words by any of them. It is a whole national policy that is being faithfully followed, however loud the grumbling!

And see the result. While the franc is falling, the foreign debt marking time, and the same class of the people in England fighting to keep the wolf from the door, the French farmers are perhaps the one completely prosperous community in Europe to-day.

I have travelled far and wide among them—in the fertile regions around Paris, where the business of supplying the metropolis creates wealth; in the North, in the mountain districts to the East, and among the vineyards of the South and West, which are apparently so little affected by the withdrawal of Russia and America from the world market for their produce; that special legislation is being envisaged to protect the French consumer from the poor adulterated vintages that are all the growers will reserve for the moderate national pocketbook.

I went, with a heartrending picture of hardship painted by a French Government official, in my mind's eye—looking for poverty, for stoic suffering, and hard-luck stories. And everywhere I was shown the new car, and heard how business had never been better.

In farmhouses far and wide, isolated in the "deserts" of the country, I found electric lighting, and a new central heating apparatus (price 5000 to 6000 francs), which apparently every peasant farmer in France had been installing during last summer and autumn! And over a glass of cider in the kitchen out would come tumbling the figures of last year's record crops and this spring's excellent lambing—that make their appearance in no account books (the farmers are too wily to keep them) and on no tax return.

Apparent hardship, of course, is easy to find. For instance, there was that bent old woman of 71 whom I saw doing a man's work in the fields, in the pouring rain. But in the course of conversation I found that she had just paid 3000 francs to have her cottage redecorated—and one can remember when 3000 francs would have seemed a fortune to be guarded with life itself, to these people.

That—as a matter of fact—is one national danger into which preferential treatment of the farmer, together with a falling currency, seems to be driving France. A fundamental change in the character of her peasants, whose outstanding quality for centuries has been thrift—but thrift raised to the nth degree; to the point, indeed, of extreme avarice.

(Continued on next Column.)

THE SEAMY SIDE.
TALES TOLD TO THE
MAGISTRATE.

[BY R. E. CORDER.]

Optical illusions were the downfall of Richard Lewis, soldier, tailor, inspector of shells, and writer of misleading advertisements, who told the story of his life at Clerkenwell Police Court. An intelligent looking man of 64, he said he had served as a young man in the Egyptian campaign, rejoined the Army at the outbreak of the Great War, and obtained a responsible position and a pension of 13s. a week at Woolwich Arsenal.

But that was only a sketch of his career. The gaps were filled by a detective who read out a series of convictions against Lewis, including a sentence of five years' penal servitude for fraud in 1898. His last lapse, however, was in 1900. Since that time he had gone straight until recently, when he returned to the evil practices of twenty years ago.

In a long speech from the dock the man of many trades attributed his criminal record to the harsh sentences he received, beginning with two months for having been drunk and disorderly. The matter of a £1 cheque, he said, got him five years, and when he came out of prison he associated with men who taught him the advertisement trick. By trade a tailor, he set up as an optician, and advertising for an assistant requested £10 as security. He got the £10, but failed to provide the job and was arrested in bed at Islington at half-past six in the morning. Already he had been visited by bailiffs seeking to enforce orders in two other cases, but as he lived in furnished rooms they returned empty-handed. Lewis, who promised to refund the money, was remanded for a week to give him a chance to keep his word.

Mr. J. B. Sandback, K.C., the new Metropolitan magistrate, who comes from Manchester, was impressed by the veteran's pathetic story and at the same time influenced by his "shocking record." If he knew his word he will escape prison, which he has avoided for nearly twenty years.

The new magistrate has a genial personality and a musical voice. Of average height and fair complexion, he is more ready to smile than to frown, and his fines are on the light side. He has a brisk, business-like manner, emphasised by a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles, and while he welcomes a joke, I should say that he will stand no nonsense. He gave the impression that he knew his job.

Laura Peacock had put on her fine feathers to celebrate a holiday, and it was a pity that she spoiled an attractive outfit by getting helplessly drunk, the penalty for which was half a crown. And that is the cheapest charge for drunkenness in the metropolitan area.

Bill Bailey took a deep breath, and without waiting for the constable in the case to give evidence, announced that he had not touched a drop of drink for eight months and that he was suffering from epilepsy, neurasthenia, three small ports, and a loss of memory. The magistrate returned the broad smile of the constable, and added another half-crown to the coffers of the court.

Alexander Pinkerton also might have been in the half-crown queue had it not been for his wife. Mrs. Pinkerton waited outside the court until a constable had told all he knew about Alexander's intoxication and bad language, and then she entered the witness-box and added considerably to the court's knowledge. "I am not a bad woman," she declared, "and I can't stand his ways."

"No, he does not knock me about; he never hits me," she said in response to an enquiry, "but he wakes up the children and the neighbours, and he says he will swing for me." She got a summons for threats and her husband had the choice of paying 10s. or going down for seven days.

SPENDING MONEY!

For the first time in history the French peasant farmer is spending money! Partly, of course, because he is subconsciously aware of the folly of hoarding a commodity that depreciates almost daily, partly because he has so much money to spend. He is buying motors and pianolas, building new barns and tasting the joys of central heating. And: "Where before the war a labourer saved on two francs a day," the curé in a village would tell me, "now that he is earning fourteen or sixteen, his inclination is every time he has twenty francs to spend twenty-five—and then look to charity to get him out of the mess."

As for the urban dweller, the "commutants" noisily groaning under ever fresh burdens of taxation, the strange part is that he, too, always seems to have money to spend. You will see him in the restaurants of the capital ordering the choicest dishes and giving the largest tips. The theatres and dance halls are full—by no means exclusively of foreigners—and the steady increase in private automobile traffic causes the Prefecture serious anxiety, and leaves England completely behind.

As I hinted before, taxes may be legislated, but it does not always follow that they get paid. Paying taxes, in fact, is one of those things that in France—among the best people—is simply "not done." And many are the stories you will hear in Paris, like this—true—one of a gentleman who yearly makes a return of his total income less than the amount he pays in rent for his flat, and has never yet failed to "get away" with it.

France has realised that there is such a thing as divorcing actual prosperity from national solvency, and that sometimes it is not a bad policy, though a juggling feat difficult to maintain. As my Frenchman remarked, considering prosperity of Government versus people, "which is better?"—*Evening Standard*.

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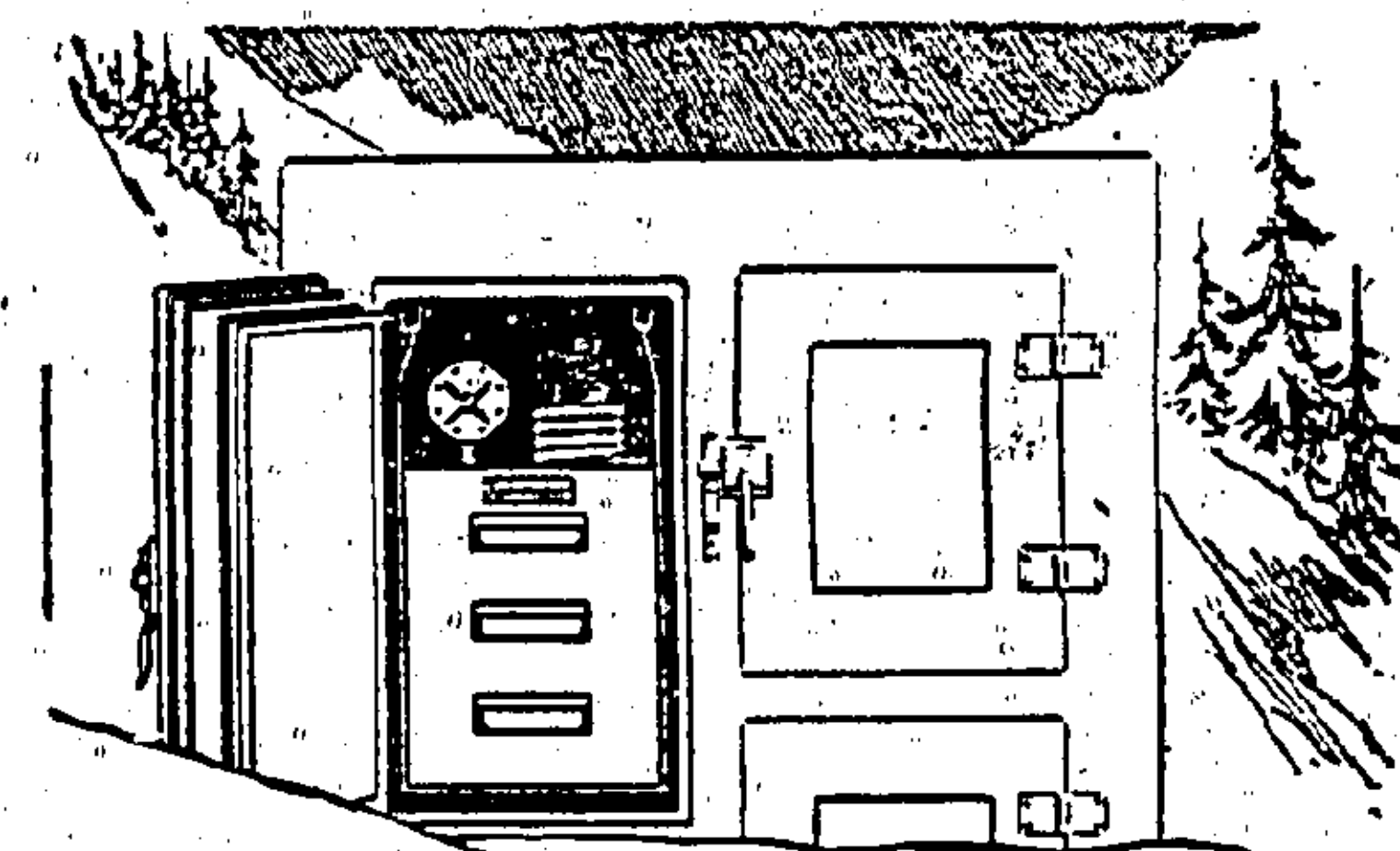
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD., AND
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.REFERENCE TO DEATHS OF MR. P. H. HOLYOAK AND
SIR PAUL CHATER.

EXCELLENT FINANCIAL POSITION REPORTED.

The annual meetings of the Union Insurance Society of Canton and of the China Fire Insurance Company—the fifty-third and fifty-seventh respectively—were held at the Companies' Head Office, Union Building, yesterday morning. After reference had been made to the loss the Colony had sustained by the deaths of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Chairman presented reports of the year's working which were very encouraging to the shareholders and showed both companies hold an exceedingly strong financial position.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.

Mr. Plummer presided and among those present were: The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, and Mr. T. G. Weall (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. W. Alabaster, G. S. Archbutt, J. M. Alves, Frank Austin, A. E. S. Alves, J. Arnold, Hon. Mr. Mr. H. W. Bird, Messrs. C. C. Black (Representative of Butterfield & Swire), J. Bentley, D. H. Cameron, B. M. C. da Cunha, P. S. Cassidy, H. B. L. Dowling, R. A. Dastur, Dr. G. Digby, E. M. Ede, John Fleming, J. Gardner, L. Gibbs, G. Grimble, H. C. Gray, L. E. Hopkins, Ho Fook, Ho Ju, E. C. Hudson, Ho Leung, W. A. Hannibal, Ho Kom Tong, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., W. J. Hawker, Ip Lan Chuen, W. E. N. Koch, C. C. Knight, W. Logan, C. F. Chung Wan, G. B. Layton, C. E. Lauffrentz, G. Murray, E. A. G. May, C. V. Mark, C. E. Meyer, W. R. Mansfield, F. L. Marques, S. H. Michael, G. Miskin, A. W. Mackenzie, A. Nemazee, J. Ormiston, Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., Messrs. R. D. Read, H. Ruttonjee, O. V. Ribeiro, V. R. Y. Ribeiro, C. A. da Rosa, P. M. N. da Silva, W. E. L. Shenton, D. V. Stevenson, F. P. V. Soares, A. Stevenson, Sum Pak Ming, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Messrs. R. Sutherland, A. H. M. da Silva, F. W. Stapleton, W. J. Stokes, Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, Messrs. M. A. R. Souza, A. Sommerfeldt, F. B. P. Silva, J. H. Taggart, J. F. Wright, Junior, W. J. G. Whaley and G. M. Young, M.B.E.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—Before commencing the formal business of this meeting I would refer with deep sorrow to the death of Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who as you are well aware for a great number of years was a Director of this Company and its ardent supporter. The late Mr. Holyoak's public activities are well known to you. He was an entirely plucky, public spirited and kindly man. Prosperity or adversity never changed him and he was always a loyal friend.

The General Manager shewed me yesterday a private letter he had received from the late Mr. Holyoak posted from Colombo in which Mr. Holyoak mentions his extremely indifferent health. In Singapore he was very far from well but in spite of this he found time twice to call upon a young Hongkong man seriously ill in the Singapore Hospital. I mention this small incident, Gentlemen, because it denotes the man.

I would refer also with deep sorrow to the death of Sir Paul Chater well known to us all. Sir Paul was one of our oldest and most respected residents and he has rendered this Colony distinguished service.

The sympathy of this meeting is extended to the bereaved families.

THE WORKING ACCOUNT.

Continuing, the CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The Working Account for the year 1925 after payment of an Interim Dividend of 24/- per share and a 20 per cent. Bonus to Contributors shows that the balance available for distribution amounts to £302,093, 2s. 6d. and your Directors recommend that this balance should be dealt with as follows:—

A Final Dividend to Shareholders of 16/- per share on 135,000 shares £108,000 0 0
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To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1925 160,343 2 5
The balance of the Working Account for the year 1925 amounts to £250,247, 15s. 8d. and your Directors recommend that an Interim Dividend of 24/- per share should be paid to Shareholders absorbing £162,000, a Bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to Contributors of Business on Bonus terms amounting approximately to £30,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

The Board further recommends the transfer from the Re-insurance Fund of £75,000 to the credit of the Sterling Reserve Fund, which will increase this Fund from £229,000 to £304,000 and decrease the Re-insurance Fund from £2,416,070, 12s. 10d. to £2,340,070, 12s. 10d.

Turning to the figures in the Balance Sheet you will notice that our issued Capital has been increased by 24,000 new shares, which were issued and allotted in accordance with the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 18th March, 1925, in respect of the exchange of shares in connection with the amalgamation with The Yangtze Insurance Association Limited. 24 per share is paid up on the Society's shares and our paid-up Capital has therefore been increased by £24,000.

The Sterling equivalent of the Society's Silver Reserve of £2,000,000 is £254,687, 10s. as compared with £246,875 last year.

Exchange at the 31st December, 1925, being taken at 2/4.3/8 as compared with 2/3.3/4 at the 31st December, 1924.

The large increase in our Re-insurance Fund which stands in our Balance Sheet at £2,416,070, 12s. 10d. is partly represented by the premium on the new shares issued.

Our Investments have been taken at the market prices ruling on the 31st December last.

Turning to the Working Accounts you will note that the Interest for the year 1924 amounted to £233,974 18s. 7d. and the Interest shown for the year 1925 amounts to £233,921 18s. 6d. only. I would explain however that there are still several additions to be made to the 1925 Interest such as Dividends from affiliated Companies, etc.

The Premium Income for the year 1925 as compared with the Premium Income of the previous year as at 31st December, 1924, has decreased by approximately £300,000. This diminution in Premium is primarily due to curtailment of American Fire and Automobile commitments.

The item of Commission paid as per the Accounts also shows a marked decrease and this is similarly explained by the curtailment of our American business.

The Balance of the Working Account for the year 1925 amounts to £250,247 15s. 8d. may be considered satisfactory.

MARINE BUSINESS.

Our Marine Business has been conducted during 1925 under the somewhat difficult conditions which have characterized this class of insurance during recent years.

The market is still large and the amount of business restricted with the result that competition is severe and rates in consequence continue to show a downward tendency. Another matter still causes concern to Underwriters, and which my predecessor in the Chair referred to last year, is the introduction, largely as the result of competition, of risks of a nature altogether outside the usual scope of marine insurance and for which in many cases inadequate rates are paid.

Individual Marine losses of magnitude and total losses have been less a feature than the many smaller but nevertheless serious losses which often escape public notice or soon fade from memory. Among the latter I would mention the unusual number of serious fires in which valuable cargoes have been involved.

I am glad to say, however, that in some directions there are signs of Underwriters themselves endeavouring, by co-operation, to place the business on a profitable basis, particularly in the Hull market in which improvements have been brought which may later bear fruit.

Your General Manager visited the United States of America last year in connection with our Fire and General Business there and during his visit considerable re-insurances were effected on the Automobile Account.

The net Premium Income for the year has, as I have already pointed out, been reduced in consequence of these re-insurances, but I am pleased to be able to state that the final outcome for the year showed that a considerable saving had resulted from the arrangements made. The Society's Business in the United States of America is receiving our close consideration.

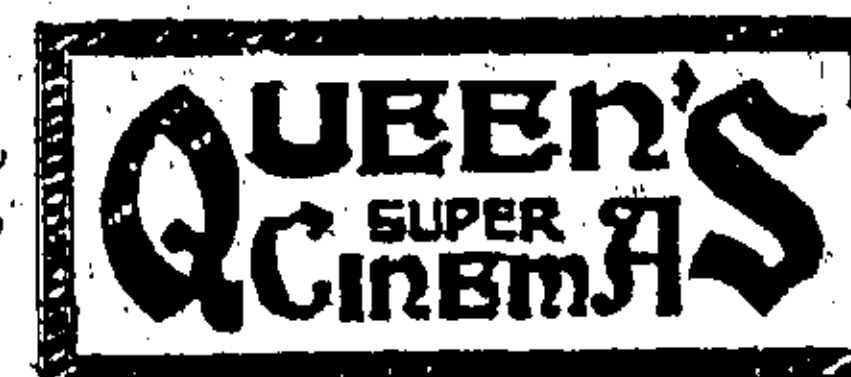
Fire and General Business written by the Society and its affiliated Companies in other Fields showed that the Income was well maintained.

HONGKONG HOTEL FIRE.

A recent loss of local interest was the Hongkong Hotel Fire which occurred on the 1st January, 1926, and in connection therewith I would like to refer to the excellent assistance rendered by His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces in supplementing the Fire Department of Hongkong. (Applause.) It was with deep regret that your Directors learned of the death of Able Seaman Bachelor in the course of these operations.

We all deplore the boycott against British trade in Canton, but I cannot believe that the people of Kwangtung will continue to submit for any length of time to the illegal activities of a small section of their community. This Society has had honourable and friendly intercourse with the Cantonese for very many years, being first established in their ancient City in the year 1836, some years before Hongkong passed to the British Crown. In my opinion, gentlemen, there is no illwill between the traders of Canton and those of this Colony and that they as well as we desire the resumption of peaceful business relationship and the re-establishment of the old trade conditions.

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POSITION TO BE PROUD OF.

Turning again to the Balance Sheet, I feel sure you will agree with me that we have reason to be proud of the fine position these figures indicate, and they will no doubt be viewed by you with the utmost satisfaction. (Applause.)

I am sure you will heartily approve our following the usual custom of voting a bonus of 15 per cent. on salaries to the credit of the members of our staff holding Provident Fund Agreements.

The position, gentlemen, not only reflects the greatest credit upon our staff, who have given devoted and unstinted service, but also upon our General Manager Mr. Paul Lauder, for the extremely able manner in which he has conducted the Society's business during a period of unusual difficulty. (Applause.)

During the year Mr. G. S. Archbutt, who has had long service with the Society and its affiliated Company, The China Insurance Co., Ltd., was promoted to the position of Fire Manager and we feel sure you will be pleased to learn of the appointment. (Applause.)

Before concluding my remarks I would refer with sorrow to the death of the late Mr. C. W. Darbishire of the firm of Messrs. Paterson, Simons & Co., who was a Member of our London Committee. The news of his death was received throughout the East with deep regret.

I now propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

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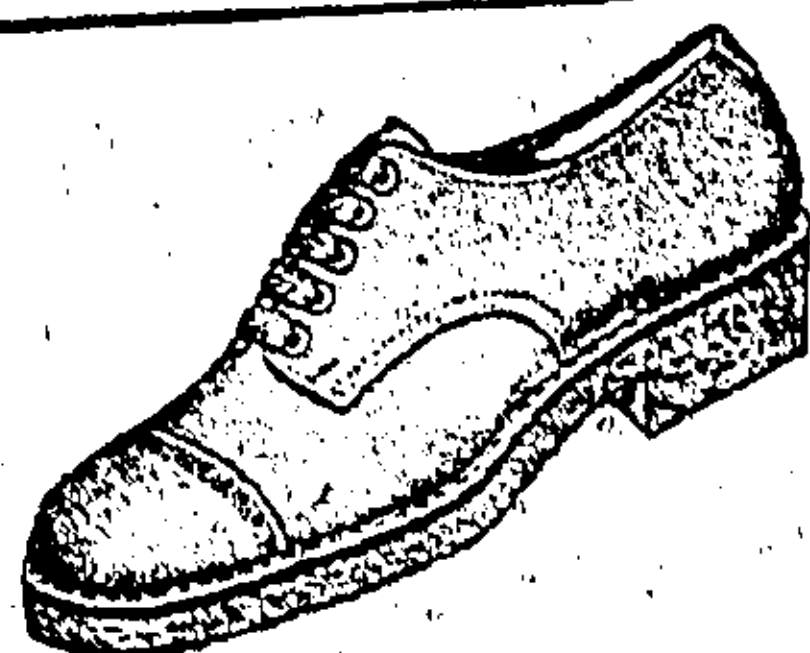
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P. & O. Bank	\$2125 nom.
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China Underwriters	\$190 sel.
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Donghai	\$190 sel.
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Ewp Cottons	\$190 sel.
Orizontals	\$190 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$190 sel.
Do (new)	\$190 sel.
Amusements	\$190 sel.
Qanton Loss	\$190 sel.
Cementa (combined)	\$190 sel.
Do (old)	\$190 sel.
Do (new)	\$190 sel.
China Buses	\$190 sel.
China Lights (combined)	\$190 sel.
Do (old)	\$190 sel.
Do (new)	\$190 sel.
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Do (old)	\$190 sel.
Do (new)	\$190 sel.
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Loan Crawfords	\$190 sel.
Macintoshes	\$190 sel.
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Do (new)	\$190 sel.
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

(Continued from page 4.)

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. G. M. Young, seconding said: Gentlemen,—It is with a particular sense of personal sorrow that I associate myself with what has been said by Mr. Plummer in regard to the great loss suffered by the deaths of Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Sir Paul Chater.

Continuing, Mr. Young said: It is a great pleasure to see so many fellow shareholders present, and I feel sure that we are all delighted at the Report we have just listened to. To produce such a fine Balance Sheet when the business of the world—especially that connected with China—has been so harassed, denotes sound judgment on the part of our General Manager and the Managers at all the cities where the Society is represented.

The increase of capital in connection with the amalgamation with The Yangtze Association, Ltd., has justified itself, as proven by figures in the Balance Sheet, and in my opinion there is not anything to worry about in the decreased premium income. For our Chairman's remarks would appear to denote that this has left an increased profit.

With regard to what has been said about our long-standing friendly intercourse with the Cantonese, we doubtless all regret the present misunderstandings that have arisen between us and look forward to a revival of the friendship and a renewal of business.

In these days it is no use hiding one's light under a bushel, and the policy of expressing the Society's business in fine substantial buildings such as have been opened at Singapore and Sydney is, I venture to say, one of the best forms of propaganda and advertisement which can be made use of.

I feel confident that we can look forward to a continued increase in the results of the working of the Society, and I heartily endorse everything that has been said by the Chairman with reference to the ability and discrimination of the General Manager and Staff in conducting the business with pleasure in seconding the Report and Accounts.

ONE GUIDING HAND.

Mr. J. M. ALVES said: Mr. CHAIRMAN,—I have listened to your speech with great interest and generally wish to support the statements made by Mr. Young in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. I am in agreement with most of his remarks, but I desire to emphasize one particular point which has not been sufficiently stressed upon, and that is, the prosperity of the Society is, in my opinion, solely the result of one guiding hand. In the nature of things, undertakings large or small rise or fall by the efforts of one person, and, orthodox as it may seem to you, it is my firm belief that the larger the undertaking the greater its probability of success, where its destinies and broad questions of policy are confided to the hands of a capable single person; and in this the Union Insurance Society of Canton has been fortunate in the past, and if I may say so, in the present; and I hope even to a greater degree in the future, if the accounts now before you are any criterion. As a large single shareholder, and representative of a still larger shareholder closely related to me, I feel that our interests are very ably looked after by the present General Manager in the person of Mr. Paul Lauder.

Whilst commending the policy of distributing only the income from investments which, I notice, as regards the working for the year 1924 was exceeded to the extent of some \$20,000.00, I would urge the view that when the result of the working for 1925, is better known at this time next year, the distribution to shareholders might be enlarged moderately, a little further, say to the extent of a further bonus of 5/- per share, which would cost about \$24,000.00 extra.

In connection with the dividends, there is a point in the accounts which no doubt is readily explainable. If you will refer to the working account for 1924 you will find the cost of the interim dividend at the rate of 24/- at \$161,964; for 1925 the cost is given in the report at \$162,000.00 which is certainly the correct figure. I have not the Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1924, before me from which to ascertain the change in the issued capital which, no doubt, took place.

Without wishing to criticise the proposed adjustments as between the Reserve Fund and the Re-Insurance Fund, but only for enlightenment, I would ask the reason why the proposed transfer is limited only to \$79,000.00. May I suggest that the transfer be increased to \$175,000.00 raising the sterling Reserve Fund to \$400,000.00. The Re-Insurance Fund will then stand at about 22½ lakhs of pounds which should be ample capital to finance risks against that Fund. This appears to me all the stronger when viewed from the standpoint that in whatever manner risks may be regarded or allocated by the management, the insurer will look to all the assets of the society in satisfaction of claims. The fund is apparently of a fluctuating nature, and whether or not it covers profits the shareholders are now in the dark.

UNDERWRITING SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

Another fund of a fluctuating nature which moves more less mysteriously unless analysed and compared with previous Balance Sheets is the Underwriting Suspense Account to which balances of Working Accounts are transferred after the lapse of a complete year, as with the case of the accounts for 1924 being considered to-day. Presumably claims, arising out of the working for 1924 and prior years, will be debited to this account.

and I would like some information as to the amount debited during 1925 to the Underwriting Suspense Account for claims appertaining to 1923 and the years before that.

I would suggest that, in future years, this information be given in the face of the Balance Sheet, to enable shareholders to fully appreciate our fortunes after every Working Account is closed.

AUDITORS.

Another point to my mind of great importance is the question of auditors, one of whom is connected as a Director of a Company strenuously competing with this Company. I refer to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, whose head, Mr. Bernard Brown, is a Director of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Now, gentlemen, I have nothing against Mr. Brown, but it is surely not good policy that our affairs should be intimately exposed to one of our auditors who is also actively in opposition to this Company. The knowledge gained by Mr. Brown as an Auditor may quite conceivably be superior to the knowledge of the Directors themselves, and it is undesirable that he should have this knowledge in view of his Directorship in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., although I feel certain that no information obtained as Auditor is made use of. I do not propose to vote against Messrs. Linstead & Davis re-election to-day, but will limit myself to the above opinion in the certainty that the matter will be fully taken up by the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

The CHAIRMAN: I am afraid that Mr. Alves has been a little rapid for me, and I do not know that I have a full grasp of all the questions. Or perhaps I had better not refer to them as questions, but rather as allusions. If Mr. Alves will put any specific questions I will be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability. Otherwise I must content myself with thanking him very much on the General Manager's behalf for the very kind remarks he has made.

Mr. ALVES: I have no questions. The Report and Accounts were then adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Sir HENRY POLLOCK, seconded by Professor C. A. MIDDLETON SMITH, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall were re-elected Directors.

Mr. G. GRIMBLE: Notwithstanding what Mr. Alves has said, I propose that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, be re-elected as auditors at the remuneration of \$2,000 each.

Mr. W. A. HANNIBAL seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are now ready and can be obtained on application at the Secretarial Office.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Mr. J. A. Plummer presided and was supported by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, and Mr. T. G. Weall (Directors) and Mr. Paul Lauder (General Manager).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The Working Account for the year 1924 shows a balance of \$715,003.75 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of 80 and Bonus of 85 per share on 20,000 shares	\$280,000.00
To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account	435,063.75

The Balance at credit of the 1925, Account is \$904,610.30.

It gives your Directors much pleasure to be able to present to you an Annual Report showing the Company to be in such a strong position.

You will notice from the Working Accounts that the actual net premium shows a decrease in comparison with last year. This was anticipated, however, and represents the consequence of the curtailment of business, the results of our Management justify the liability incurred.

It is anticipated that the balance of 1925 Working Account will show a satisfactory result.

I may mention that the figures throughout the Accounts are affected by Exchange. The Sterling rate taken at 31st December, 1925, being 2/4.3/8 as against a corresponding rate at 31st December, 1924, of 2/3.3/4. This, of course, means a drop in the dollar equivalent of all Sterling so far as this year's Accounts are concerned.

As I have already stated, the balance sheet shows a very strong position and you will notice, gentlemen, the total Assets are now over \$3,450,000.

The Re-Insurance Fund and Underwriting Suspense Accounts show a satisfactory increase.

I am sure you will have noted with pleasure that the dividend and the bonus this year have been increased by the sum of 82 each.

I now move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be put.

Mr. G. S. ANCHUTT seconded, and the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, were passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. A. SOMMERFELD, seconded by Mr. V. R. V. RIBBINO, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall were re-elected Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. S. ALVES, seconded by Mr. F. H. FARNZ, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I am very much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are ready and may be had on application.

TAXES QUADRUPLED.

INCREASED CONVENIENCES FOR PASSENGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

At the annual general meeting of the Peak Tramways Company, Ltd., which was held at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, reference was made by the Chairman, (Mr. H. Humphreys) to the late Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman also stated that the Government had last year assessed the Company on a different footing in respect of taxes, thereby practically quadrupling the taxes paid formerly. It was announced that the scheme for the Mount Cameron Tramway was likely to be abandoned.

There were present, Mr. H. Humphreys (Chairman), Messrs. J. Scott Harston, R. M. Austin, A. S. Gubbay (Directors), G. Rapp (Secretary), and Mr. W. Morley.

LATE SIR PAUL CHATER.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The Report and Statement of Accounts and Auditors Report having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. Before dealing with them, I should like to make some reference to the death of Sir Paul Chater who you are aware had been on our Board for many years and died yesterday full of years and honour. I feel sure I express the feelings of shareholders as well as ourselves when I say that we deeply sympathise with Lady Chater and relatives in their bereavement. We desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the valuable services he rendered to this Company and sorrow at the loss of such a sterling character.

INCREASED TAXATION.

As you are aware during practically the whole of the period under review, conditions have been very unsettled and the traffic receipts in consequence show a falling off of \$14,240.44. We regret, therefore, that on this occasion we are unable to recommend the distribution of any bonus.

Last year the Government assessed us on a different footing in respect of taxes. They now assess us on the basis of profits, practically quadrupling the taxes we paid formerly, which accounts for the large increase under the heading of Rates, Crown Rent and Fire Insurance.

A POPULAR FALLACY.

As regards the Mount Cameron item, viz.: \$3,000 which still appears in the books, we shall, unless the Government is prepared to help us in the way of guaranteeing a dividend for a certain period of years, abandon the scheme of a new tram and write off the above amount. We have unhappy recollections of the early days of this Company. From 1889 to 1892 we paid no dividend and it was not until 1893 that we were able to pay a dividend of over 7 per cent. There is a popular fallacy in Hongkong that the Peak made the Peak Tramway. The opposite is the case. The Peak Tramway has made the Peak and by so doing has put millions of dollars into the coffers of the Hongkong Government, a fact that the Government, on occasion, might bear in mind. There were very few houses and no hotels at the Peak when the line first opened.

We propose to write \$10,000 off permanent way. Since the formation of the Company this item has always been merged with machinery and plant. In future we propose to keep the two distinct to enable us to write down machinery and plant year by year as should be done. The appropriation above referred to, will, with previous appropriations, write off the value of the old machinery and plant from the Company's books in toto.

IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past twelve months a considerable number of improvements have been carried out for the better accommodation and comfort of passengers, both at the upper and lower termini, amongst which I might mention additional and improved lavatory accommodation at both termini, a heated waiting room at the Upper Station (which was apparently much appreciated during the last cold weather), and an enlarged waiting space with better seating arrangements at the Lower Terminus, which, together with the widened exit, makes for greater ease in handling the traffic at rush hours and conduces to the comfort of both incoming and outgoing passengers. In addition to all this a shelter over the steps at May Road Station is in course of erection.

QUICK WORK.

The new electrical haulage machinery arrived at the end of March, and by doing a considerable amount of night work and by working through every week and it was possible to have a partial trial yesterday the results of which were satisfactory. It will give you some idea of the amount of work that has been done in the short space of two months, when I tell you that one small item of the work of installation was the laying of over one and a half miles of electric cable inside the engine house alone.

Owing to the increased size of the plant, it has been necessary to utilize every foot of available space at the Upper Terminus, including that which was formerly a repair shop. The lack of a suitable workshop on the site has considerably added to the difficulties and cost of installing the smallest piece of machinery as even the use of a lathe or other machine has had to be sent away to be done by an outside firm.

A DIFFICULTY.

In November last we entered into negotiations with the Government for the lease of a small piece of cleared land in the vicinity of the Upper Terminus, which would have suited us admirably for this purpose, hoping that we should have it to assist us with the installing of the new machinery, but after six months of correspondence we have been informed that this land is required for other purposes and we have been offered another piece of uncleared land a little further away and not nearly as suitable.

One very considerable saving which will be effected with the new plant is that of water, the cost of which with the old plant amounted to nearly \$400 per quarter. This will be entirely wiped out. Although the new machinery is considerably more complicated, it has many advantages not possessed by the old plant. It is absolutely clean and much less noisy, and it is fitted with safety devices to take care of almost every possible contingency. Also one very great advantage is that when the machinery is at rest it is costing nothing. With the old plant steam had to be kept up all the time even when the cars were not running.

Every part of the new plant is duplicated except the actual winding drums. There are two separate and distinct cables from the Electric Supply Co., which are interchangeable in a few seconds, so that the possibility of delay to the service due to a breakdown in the engine house is reduced to a minimum.

The new cars are nearing completion, and we hope to put these into service within the next two months. Considerable work has been entailed by the substitution of these larger cars, such as the widening of the side signal posts to positions farther from the track, the entire rebuilding of the spare car shed, and the relaying of the siding leading into it. A large amount of this work has been carried out by the Company's own staff.

INCREASED CONVENIENCES.
Perhaps a few words on the improvements incorporated in the new cars would not be out of place at this juncture. The seating capacity has been increased from 42 passengers to 55, i.e., 13 third class, and 37 first class, as against 5 third, 5 second and 32 first class in the old cars. The whole of the first class portion will be in one enclosed compartment, having a central aisle with entrances and exits at either end. Conveniently placed near each seat will be four bell-pushes marked respectively with the names of the intermediate Stations. Passengers will merely have to press the appropriate push on entering, to insure the car stopping at the desired station.

In addition to this we have designed a rearrangement of the brake gear which will allow of the brakes and signal gear being operated from either end of the car, so that the brakemen will always be stationed at the front of the car and will, therefore have an unobstructed view of the direction and station irrespective of the direction of the car. By this arrangement we hope to obviate a defect which has sometimes in the past been a source of annoyance to passengers who have been left on intermediate stations after they have signalled for the car to stop, although while I am on this subject, I should like to point out that in many of these cases it is due to passengers not giving sufficient warning for the car to stop. To avoid damage to the plant and rope it has been necessary to instruct the engine drivers that, except in cases of real emergency, they are not to stop the cars with undue haste, and that if the signal bell rings too late for them to stop in the ordinary way they are to ignore it.

One half of the old plant, which by the way, has been running for 38 years, was demolished over two months ago and sold as scrap to make room for part of the new machinery and since then we have been entirely dependent on one engine and boiler, which have, during this time, required constant attention and repairing, all of which has had to be done during the night hours when the trams were not running.

It is imperative that we change over to the new machinery at the earliest possible moment to avoid having to suspend the service. The Superintendent informs me that he does not expect the change over will cause any interruption of the traffic.

Our Articles of Association require revising and bringing up-to-date but this matter will be dealt with at the Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

The Auditors have asked for increased remuneration, viz.: from \$150 to \$250 per annum each. We think this is reasonable in view of the fees paid by other Companies for similar work and we have granted the increase subject to your confirmation.

I have no further remarks to make Gentlemen but after the accounts have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability. I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be passed.

Mr. W. MORLEY seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

A GARAGE FOR THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. W. MORLEY asked the whereabouts of the pieces of land which they desired to lease from the Government for the election of a workshop.

The CHAIRMAN said that it was at the junction of Lugard Road and the Peak Road. He understood that it was intended to erect a garage for H.E. the Governor there.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the retiring directors, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. R. Mein Austin and Mr. A. S. Gubbay be re-elected.

Mr. G. RAPP seconded, and the proposition was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. W. MORLEY, seconded by Mr. RAPP, it was unanimously agreed to increase the remuneration of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the auditors, from \$150 to \$250 per annum.

PORTUGUESE SQUABBLE. "STAR" THEATRE INCIDENT. "NOT A FIGHTING MAN."

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, the case was resumed in which a number of Portuguese are appearing as a result of an incident at the Star Theatre, on April 25th, when the film "Lost in a Big City" was shown.

The charges in detail are:—Miss Maria de Jesus Sequeira (the original complainant) is prosecuting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gill (of the Kowloon Post Office) for assault.

Mr. Gill is taking action against Messrs. M. and F. Prata and Mr. A. A. Barros for using threatening language.

Mrs. Gill appears as complainant against Miss Sequeira and the Misses Bentez and Celeste Gill (complainant's nieces) who are charged with disorderly conduct and assault.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones appears for Miss Sequeira and the two Misses Gill; Mr. M. K. Lo represents Mr. and Mrs. Gill, while Mr. D. McCallum is for Mr. A. A. Barros and Messrs. M. and F. Prata.

DID NOT USE UMBRELLA.

Mrs. Gill was recalled and questioned by the Magistrate.

She reiterated that she did not change her seat before the picture began. When she turned round to complain to the persons who had kicked her chair, she had spoken in Portuguese. She knew that the girls were Portuguese, but she did not know that they were Miss Sequeira and the two Misses Gill until the picture was finished. When they began to annoy her by kicking her chair, she complained to her husband, but he told her not to take any notice of them. Did you use your umbrella during the struggle?—I could not, because my arms were held.

You did not use it to beat Miss Sequeira?—I did not.

A RELUCTANT PROSECUTOR.

Mr. Gill was the next witness called by Mr. Lo.

He said that he had been in the Government service for 24 years, and was at present in charge of Kowloon Post Office. He had resided in Hongkong for 29 years, and had never been a party previously in any Police Court case. He had, in fact, been very reluctant to bring the present case to Court.

Witness spoke of going to the Star Theatre on the evening of April 25th, and corroborated the evidence given by his wife concerning the provoking behaviour of three girls who were seated immediately behind. When his wife protested, they laughed.

He considered that parts of the picture screened were somewhat exciting, but he thought that the kicking of his wife's chair had been deliberate.

"JOE! JOE!"

Continuing, witness said that when the picture was finished, the three girls laughed as they went out. His wife asked him to wait for her until she returned from the ladies' cloak room. About two minutes later he heard voices raised, and heard his wife calling "Joe! Joe!" He went immediately towards the cloak room, and reaching the corridor, saw Miss Sequeira and the two Misses Gill assaulting his wife. On seeing him, the two Misses Gill ran away, but Sequeira continued the assault. He called on her to stop, and when she refused to do so, he took hold of her arm, and she then left my wife and began slapping me.

HIT FROM BEHIND.

"As I was warding off Miss Sequeira, and attempting to get my wife away," continued witness, "I felt blows showered on me from behind. I was knocked from one place to the other, and I was almost stunned. My attackers were the two Prata boys and Barros, the latter being the most aggressive. My wife had freed herself and then we hurried out together."

Mr. Lo remarked that Barros certainly did not look the most pugilistic.

Witness also spoke of a European who intervened when the boys were assaulting him. This gentleman asked the boys for their names, but they refused to give them.

"WE WILL KNOCK YOU DOWN."

When witness and his wife left the theatre, the boys followed them, and shouted, "We will knock you down." Witness replied: "No, I am not going to fight."

Witness and his wife were allowed to proceed unmolested for some time, but before they reached home, the boys again caught them up and taunted witness with such epithets as, "coward," "come along and fight," "you are not a man." His wife did not want him to quarrel with his taunters.

AN INVITATION.

Just as they reached home Barros and one of the Prata boys took off their coats. After his wife had unlocked the door, Barros thrust himself in the doorway and said "I am Barros, and I work in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. If you don't want to fight me now, meet me to-morrow at 5 o'clock outside the Bank, and I will fight you there." (Laughter.)

TO AVOID SCANDAL.

Replying to Mr. Lo, witness said that he had issued a summons against the boys after Miss Sequeira had summoned his wife and himself. He was positive that he and his wife were the aggrieved parties.

Mr. Lo: Why didn't you take out a summons against the boys next day?—I did not want to take proceedings against them, and I wished to avoid scandal. I wanted it to be forgotten.

Before he issued the summons, he went to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and asked Barros for the initials of the two Prata boys. Barros replied: "Find them out yourself; I don't know. But anyhow do you want to fight again?" (Laughter.)

Replying to Mr. Hugh-Jones, witness said that his wife went to the theatre before him. When he took his seat beside her, the seats immediately behind were occupied. He did not notice who the occupants were.

Witness denied having taken his wife's umbrella to strike Miss Sequeira.

MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL.

"Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, witness said that he considered he had done right in summoning the boys, after a summons had been issued against his wife and himself. He personally wished the thing to be forgotten.

He agreed that the boys could have been attracted to the corridor by the noise there. He also agreed that on entering the passage they saw him struggling with the women. He considered that they had no cause to have brutally assaulted him. He was positive that the three boys were engaged in the assault.

Mr. McCallum: You were a lucky man to escape with no injuries?—Yes. I was very lucky to get out. But I was a little shaken, and my wife had to assist me.

He denied having struck the boys, nor had he threatened them.

"I am not a fighting man," he said, "owing to the state of my health. I have lately been ill."

Mr. McCallum: When you saw Barros at the Bank, did he not ask you, "Have you come to give me the hiding you promised me?"—No.

His Worship: The Bank was certainly not the place.

Mr. McCallum: You are making a mountain out of a molehill, Mr. Gill?—Not at all.

A CONFLAGRATION.

Mr. McCallum suggested to witness that there was a fire in Ashley Road that night. Witness said that he was told so later, but he had not seen the fire engine out that night.

His Worship: Are you suggesting Mr. McCallum that they pulled off their coats for the fire? (Laughter.)

Mr. McCallum: Oh no, but I am sure they would be more interested in the fire than in Mr. and Mrs. Gill.

Mr. Lo: Yes, as the papers would have it, there was a conflagration in Ashley Road that night: it was a chimney fire. (Laughter.)

Replying to His Worship, witness agreed that he was more annoyed with the boys than with Miss Sequeira.

His Worship: You did not want to take any action against the boys because you did not want any scandal?—Yes; I would rather suffer than take it to Court.

ALL THE SAME FACES.

Replying to further questions, witness said that he had not known Barros previously, but he knew the Prata boys by sight, and knew them to be very mischievous.

His Worship: Which of them?—There are seven or eight brothers, and they have all the same faces. (Laughter.)

When had you occasion to reprove them?—When they were schoolboys.

And because you have reproved them, the boys are not friendly with you?—That is so, but the old man Prata is a great friend of mine. I don't suppose he will be after this, but I could not help it.

MR. GILL'S SOILED CLOTHES.

A Chinese ticket collector at the Star Theatre, said that he saw Mr. and Mrs. Gill leaving the theatre on the evening of April 25th. Mr. Gill's clothes were soiled. That same evening he also saw Messrs. Barros and Pratas in the theatre. They appeared to be antagonistic to Mr. Gill, because, as he left with his wife, they followed him.

Replying to His Worship, he said that he judged from their demeanour that they were very angry.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, he said that Mr. Gill also appeared to be angry, and he noticed Mrs. Gill asking him to go home. He also heard Mr. Gill ask the boys for their names. He did not see any of the boys strike Mr. Gill.

ANOTHER STORY.

A. A. Barros said that prior to April 25th he did not know Miss Sequeira nor either of the Misses Gill. He spoke of going to the Star Theatre that evening. When the picture was over, he and Mr. Pratas went to the gentlemen's cloak room. In the corridor they met Mr. and Mrs. Gill, who both seemed to be very excited. A few seconds later they heard shouts near the ladies' cloak room. On going there Miss Sequeira was seen to be holding Mr. Gill by the shoulder. Mr. Gill had an umbrella in his hand, and Miss Sequeira was endeavouring to stop him striking her. Witness separated them, whereupon Mr. Gill told him to clear out as it was none of his business. He pushed Mr. Gill out and then Mrs. Gill again went for Miss Sequeira.

Witness separated them, and he took Mrs. Gill out of the theatre. Mr. Gill accosted him and asked him for his name and address. Witness informed him where he was employed. Mr. and Mrs. Gill then went home.

Continuing, witness said that he and his friend were then met by F. Prata who told them that there was a fire in Ashley Road. They went to the scene of the fire together.

Witness denied that either he or Mr. Pratas had struck Mr. Gill in the corridor. Neither had he used threatening language, nor behaved in a disorderly manner.

The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday next.

FIAT MISTURA.

(WITH PROFOUND APOLOGIES.)

May I sadly remark
It is truth that I speak,
When I say it's no lark
That for over a week
That blankety blanket of fog-bank
Has brooded all over the Peak.

Did not someone insist
It was perfectly plain
That the whole of the mist
Could be turned into rain
By electrical stunts (which their nature
At that time he did not explain)?

It is true there is rain
But the fog's still about,
And it is with much pain
That I hazard the doubt
That either the theory's a failure,
Or else the Professor's played out.

E. W. H.

CANTON NEWS ITEMS.

THE OIL MONOPOLY.

ASTUTE MOVE BY COMMUNISTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

As a means of obtaining more members the newly-organized League of Farmers, Workers, Students, and Merchants in Canton, an organization of Communists, intends to press for the abolition of the kerosene oil monopoly. The monopoly, which was introduced on the advice of the Soviet, is very unpopular with the bulk of the people owing to the great increase in the price of oil which has resulted from it.

PLAGUE PREVENTION.

As a plague prevention measure the Public Health Bureau of the Canton Municipality are organising an anti-rat and anti-fly campaign. The co-operation of the medical profession and various public bodies has been invited.

PAPER MONEY.

The merchants in Wuchow are petitioning the authorities in Nanning not to insist that new Kuomintang notes only may be treated as legal tender for the payment of taxes and other public dues. The merchants believe that paper money issued by one administration should be considered good by a subsequent administration. In Kwangsi, for which Wuchow is an open port, many militarists, while in power, have circulated paper money. The present Kuomintang authorities in Kwangsi are outlawing the currency of their predecessors and causing losses among the public.

NOTORIOUS PIRATES.

ARRESTED IN YAUMATI.

The notorious pirate, Lam Choi Sau, one of leaders of the Bias Bay gang, was captured in Hongkong on Tuesday. He is stated to have been concerned in the recent series of piracies which have been perpetrated in the China Sea. His timely capture is undoubtedly fortunate, since it is surmised that his visit to Hongkong was for the purpose of planning more piracies.

He is a native of Weichow, and information was received by the Hongkong Police that he was on his way to Hongkong, apparently by junk.

On the 25th inst., Chinese detectives visited a brothel in Yaumati, and he was arrested.

He is stated to be the brains of the Bias Bay pirate gang. He speaks English well, is acquainted with signalling and can run a ship.

The next day in an adjacent brothel another pirate was arrested. He was connected with Lam.

They were taken into police custody but there is no information as to their destination.

PROPERTY SALE.

At the Auctioneering and Broking Company's sales rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. L. E. S. Hodge sold, by order of the mortgagees, two leasehold properties, situated at Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon. The first property comprised six houses (at present unnumbered) in Tai Nam Street, situated upon Section C of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1836. It has an area of 5,530 square feet, and an annual Crown rent of \$35.50.

The upset price was \$24,000, with bids of \$100 acceptable. There was only one advance of this amount, and Mr. Chun Fok became the purchaser.

The second property comprised Nos. 261, 263, 265, 267 and 271, Lai Chi Kok Road, situated upon Section C of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1837. The area in this case is the same as above and there is the same Crown rental.

There was some brisk bidding. The upset price was \$30,000, with bids of \$100 acceptable. Bids came rapidly and the sum of \$25,100 was soon reached, of which figure it was knocked down to the purchaser of the first property.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

A memorial service for the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Monday at 6 p.m. The address will be delivered by the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. K. Duppuy), and many local Clergy will assist in the service. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will be present.

Members of the Masonic Lodges of English Constitution will attend, and will march in procession to the Cathedral from the Masonic Hall, where they will parade at 5.30 p.m. Half the seating accommodation in the Cathedral will be available for the public, and also any accommodation that is not taken up by the masons in the part of the Cathedral reserved for them.

A telegram was received by Messrs. Holyoak & Massey yesterday stating that the funeral of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak would take place that day.

ST. ANDREW'S, KOWLOON.

A memorial service is being held for the late Hon. Sir Paul Chater at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. The address will be given by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay (Vicar) and the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. B. Duppuy) will also take part in the service.

ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

PRESENTATION TO MR. R. JOHNSTONE.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders last evening a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. R. Johnstone, late Treasurer of the Institution, as a small appreciation of his services to the Institution and as a token of esteem from the members.

The presentation was made by Mr. J. Ormiston, President, who spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Johnstone's work. Mr. B. L. Frost endorsed Mr. Ormiston's remarks.

"QUO VADIS."

TO BE SCREENED AT QUEEN'S THEATRE TO-MORROW.

Picturegoers will be interested to learn that "Quo Vadis" is to be screened at the Queen's Theatre for four days, commencing to-morrow.

Emil Jannings, who took the lead in "The Last Laugh," which was shown at the Queen's Theatre not long ago, plays the part of Nero in this film, with Lillian Hall Davis as Lydia.

Early bookings are advised in view of the certain heavy demand for seats. The special times for "Quo Vadis" are 2.30, 7.15 and 9.30. The usual prices will be charged.

"BABY PAVLOVA."

VISIT OF MURA SHIPOFF.

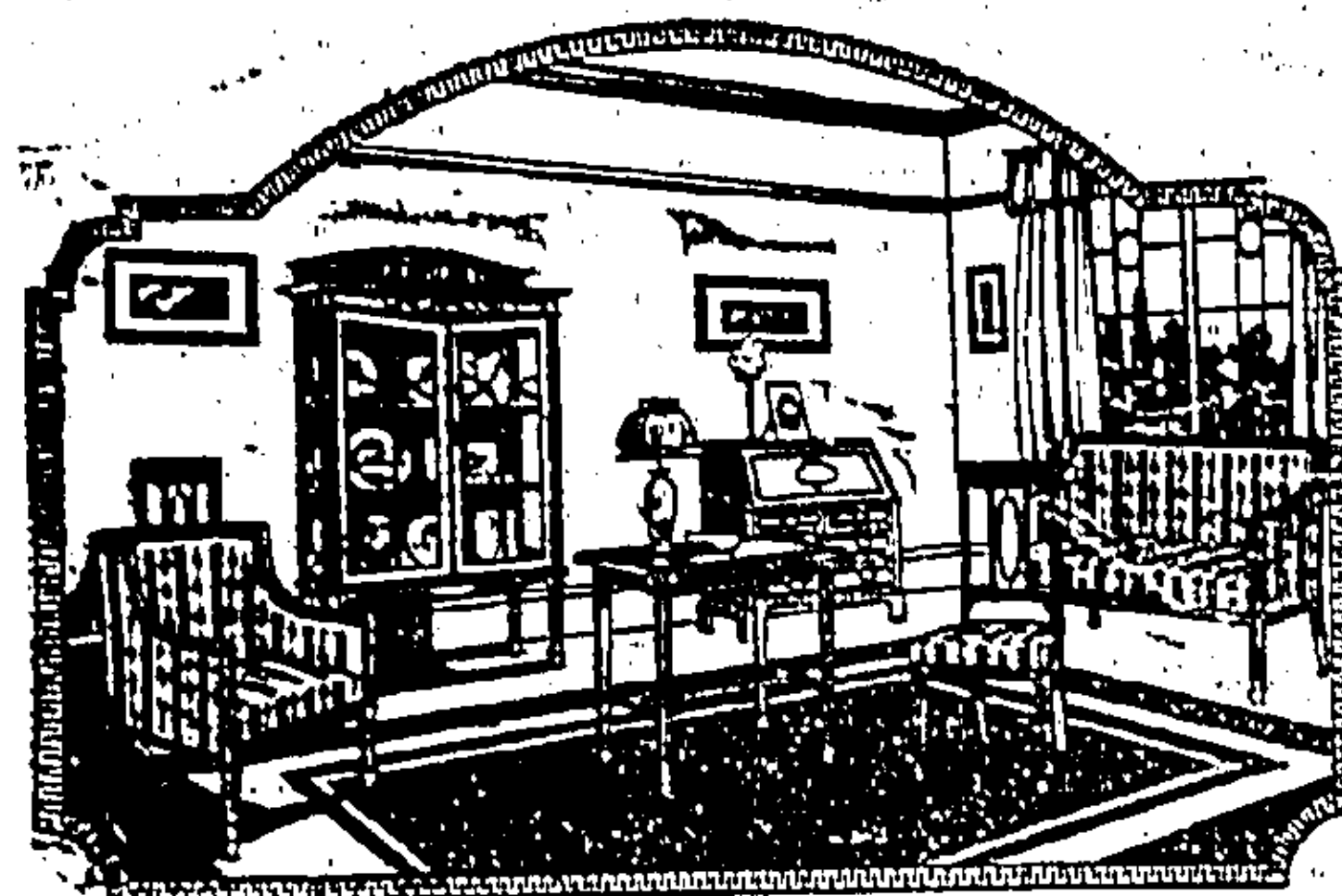
A GREAT JUVENILE DANCER.

Mura Shipoff, acclaimed as the world's daintiest juvenile dancer and known as the "Baby Pavlova" will give three performances at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, commencing to-morrow evening, and continuing on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mura Shipoff, who is 15 years of age, has a repertoire of over 64 dances and the only teacher she has had is the lady who taught Mme. Pavlova. She and her brother Koka Shipoff have been having a very successful tour through the Far East, under the direction of Mr. A. Stern, and are returning to Europe via British India. Following their performances in Hongkong they will leave for Singapore.

Mura Shipoff and her company of five visited the Far East, including Hongkong, in 1923 and 1924, and when in the Colony before she created a very favourable impression and attracted large audiences. All the performances commence at 9.15 p.m. Each programme consists of 17 different numbers, and will be changed every evening.

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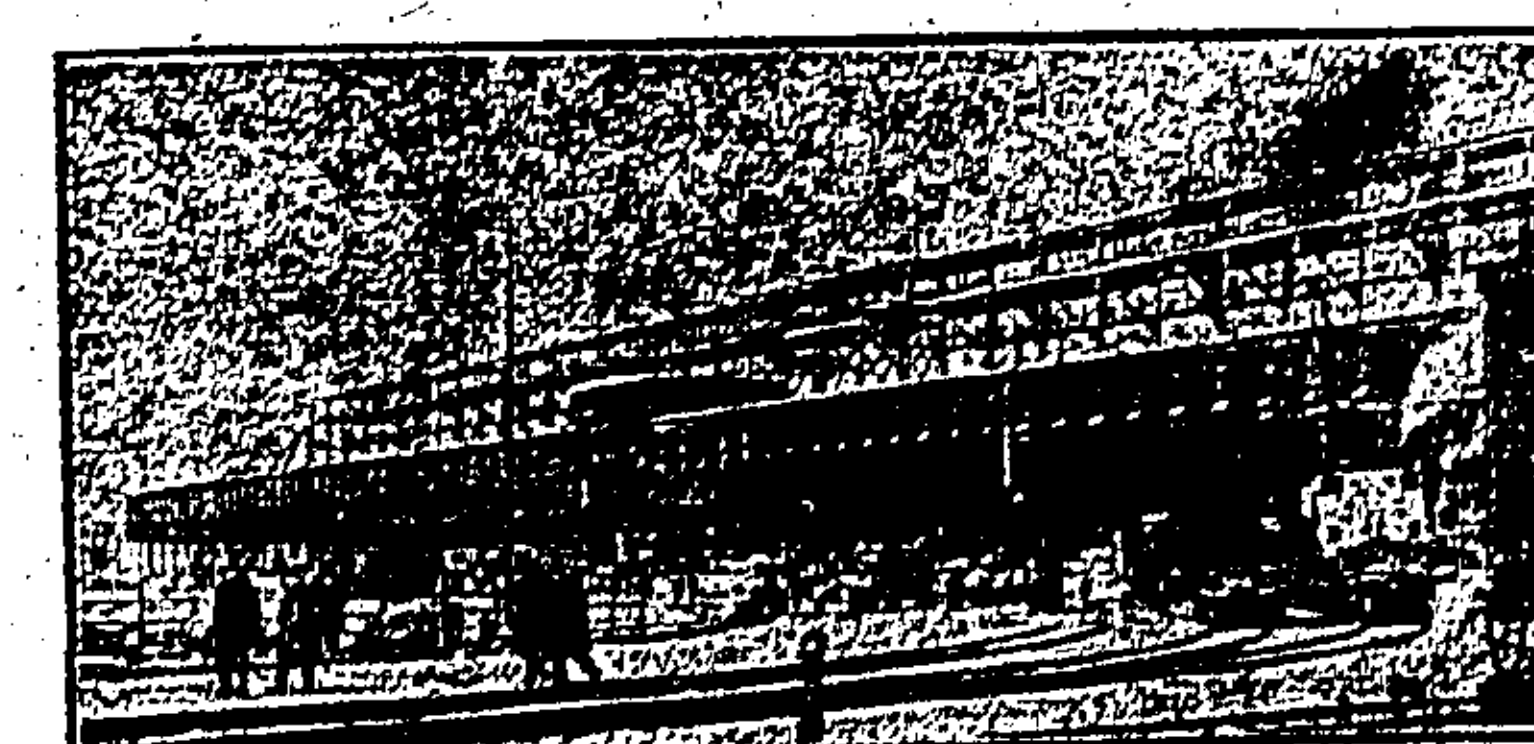
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
HONGKONG AND SOUTH
CHINA, E.C.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

TO THE
Late Right Worshipful Brother
PERRY HOBSON HOLYOAK, D.G.M.
at
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
on
MONDAY, 31st MAY, at 6 P.M.

MEMBERS will assemble at ZETLAND
HALL at 5.30 P.M. Prompt.
Masters of Lodges are Requested to have
their Members Marched at the Hall by
That Hour.

A. MORRIS,
D.G. Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1926. [3616]

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY
OF HONGKONG AND
SOUTH CHINA.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for the Late
Right Worshipful Brother PERRY
HOBSON HOLYOAK, E.C., will be held in
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL on MONDAY,
31st MAY, at 6 P.M.
BRETHREN of the SCOTTISH LODGES
wishing to Attend will Meet in ZETLAND
HALL at 5.30 P.M.

By Order of the
District Grand Master,
A. W. HILL,
District Grand Secretary.

NOTICE.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE to the Late
D.G.M. of Hongkong and South China
will be held at ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
on MONDAY, 31st MAY,
The MEMBERS of UNITED SERVICE
LODGE, 1941, E.C., will Meet at Masonic
Hall at 5.30 P.M.

NOTICE.

MEMORIAL DAY.

THE Committee of Ladies in charge of
Arrangements for the Observance of
MEMORIAL DAY on MAY 31st and other
Ladies interested will meet at the AMERICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL on MAY 31st, 9.30 A.M.,
and proceed to the Cemetery at HAPPY VALLEY
to decorate the Graves of Americans there.
All Americans and Others who wish to take
part in the Decoration of these Graves should
be at the Cemetery Not Later Than 10.10
A.M.

AMERICAN CONSULATE
GENERAL.

HONGKONG CIVIL SERVICE
CRICKET CLUB.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of MEMBERS will be
held at the SANITARY DEPARTMENT BOARD
ROOM (3rd Floor, Post Office Building), on
TUESDAY, 1st JUNE, at 5.15 P.M.
All Members are particularly Requested to
Attend.

Business:—As posted on Notice Board in
Club house.

By Order of the Committee,
R. S. VERGETTE,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HON. SIR CATCHICK PAUL
CHATER, C.M.G., DECEASED.

ALL Claims against the Estate of the
above named Deceased must be Sent to
the Undersigned forthwith.

DEACONS,
Solicitors &c.,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1926. [3622]

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

FOR the Convenience of our many Customers
in the EAST POINT DISTRICT, we
are OPENING A BRANCH at No. 2,
PENNINGTON STREET, on TUESDAY,
1st JUNE Next, where DAIRY PRODUCE,
MEATS, FISH (Fresh and Cured), and ICE,
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FORD'S PROVISIONS, etc., CASEY
WISEMAN'S BREAD, CAKES, etc., and
FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES will
also be Available on the Premises.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND
GOLD STORAGE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1926. [3610]

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JUNE 3RD.

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[3615]

INTIMATIONS.

BASEBALL.

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OPENING GAME.

SATURDAY, MAY 29th, at 4.00 P.M.
At HAPPY VALLEY.

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CLUB LUSITANO.

BILLIARDS EXHIBITION.

Mr. CLAUD FALKNER

Mr. A. J. OSMUND.

MEMBERS are informed that ANOTHER
EXHIBITION will be given by Mr.
FALKNER at the CLUB LUSITANO on
SATURDAY, the 29th MAY, 1926, at 9 P.M.
The Exhibition is Open to Lady and Gentle-
man Friends of Members. Tickets of
Admission may be obtained at the Secretary's
Office.

E. D. DA ROZA,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1926. [3604]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Undersigned has No Connection
whatsoever with LEUNG KAM SHUI, Trading
under the Name of LEUNG KON TAI,
of No. 21, Lee Yuen Street East,
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Stevedores, Coal Merchants, Freight
Brokers, Commission Agents and
General Contractors, etc.,
24, Des Voeux Road Central. [3612]

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AGENCY CO., LTD. [3429]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
HOTELS, LIMITED.
(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED
will be held in the ROOF GARDEN of the Hong-
kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 31st day of MAY, 1926, at
EIGHT O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the Board of Directors for
the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1925,
confirming the appointment of a Director, and
re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1926. [3408]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the Company will
be held at the Office of the General Managers,
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,
the 10th JUNE, 1926, at 12 Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors, passing the Accounts, and electing Direc-
tors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 24th JUNE,
1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1926. [3587]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the Company's
Office, on FRIDAY, the 11th of JUNE,
1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, together with
a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of DECEM-
BER, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 6th to 11th of
JUNE, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1926. [3606]

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1926.

THE Board having declared AN INTERIM
DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share
free of Income Tax, for the Year ending 30th
June, 1926. Holders of Bearer Shares and
Holders of Dividend Warrants received from
London on account of Registered Shares, will
be paid their Dividends on presenting No. 28
Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend
Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

THE BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

Payment will be made in Dollars at the
Buying Rate of Exchange on the Day.

P. C. YOUNG,
General Manager,
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

[3605]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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NAMELY:—
LOT No. 1.

ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situate
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TION C of KOWLOON INLAND LOT
No. 1221, Together with the Building
thereon now known as No. 577, SEANG-
HAI STREET.

LOT No. 2.
ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground
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BIRTH.

CLARIDGE.—On May 18th, at Weihaiwei,
to MARGARET ETHEL (née BEER), wife of
Lieut. G. P. CLARIDGE, R.N., a
daughter (PATRICIA MARGARET).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Lady CHATER desires to thank friends for
their kind expressions of sympathy in
her great bereavement and for the
many floral tributes. [3623]

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, MA 29th, 1926.

AS A MEMORIAL.

The spontaneous tributes of respect and
grief, which the Colony paid yesterday
to the late Sir PAUL CHATER, should take
some permanent and tangible form. To
some extent this is provided for in the
bequest announced by H.E. the Governor
yesterday. The Colony will have the
Chater Collection of porcelain and pic-
tures as a memorial of one of its pioneers.
But as soon as financial considerations
permit, something more should be done.
The time must come before long when
the City Hall will have to be rebuilt.
Whatever the final decision of the town
planning experts, it is clear that some-
thing must be done with the existing
library and museum. It would be a most
fitting memorial to one who has played
so great a part in the history of this
Colony, if all the valuable part of that
library and museum were housed with
the Chater Collection in one building,
under a competent curator, and provision
made for its improvement.

The Chater Museum might thus become
the nucleus of something which is sadly
needed, namely a place in the Far East,
on British soil, where students of Chinese
Art, History, and Literature could find
all the facilities necessary for their
studies. In this respect we lag behind
our French neighbours in Indo-China,
though our commercial and diplomatic
interests in China are so much greater.

THE PASSING OF THE OCEAN
TRAMP.

The latest inventions and developments
in the shipping world have a particular
interest for most of us in Hongkong.
The ceaseless change of ideas is constantly
bringing forth new types of ships and
the iron law of the survival of the fittest
is just as applicable to machinery and to
methods of transport as it is to any other
department of activity. The "Cutty
Sark" and the once famous "China Tea
Clippers" are now only memories and
in a few more years in all probability
they will be forgotten altogether. And
now we have evidence that the ocean
tramp is gradually disappearing.

Somebody once said that facts have a
tendency to develop faster than theories.
The facts about ocean shipping since the
war are fairly plain. The tramp steamer
has, for many years, been considered the
drudge of the seas. "She" has carried the
dirty and bulky cargoes which have
great weight or size in proportion to
value. Tramps have no regular sailing
schedules, nor do they travel on any
fixed routes. They go from port to port
wherever cargo offers. But, as KIPLING
wrote "the liner she's a lady"; she has
pre-arranged schedules and routes as
regular as those of the railway trains.

What are the facts that make us think
that the tramp will soon become as
obsolete as the mastodon or the coracle
that was once used on the river Thames?
In 1913 the British liners in overseas
trade totalled 1,280 ships with an aggre-
gate net tonnage of 4,200,000. The tramps
numbered 2,400 with an aggregate of
3,700,000 tons. It was because there were
twice as many tramps as liners in the
British mercantile marine before the war
that we were inclined rather to exag-
gerate, in our own minds, the work done
by tramp steamers. If, instead of the
number of ships, we take the tonnage
and the average speeds of the vessels into
consideration we have a different aspect
of the situation. For tramps the average
speed was about eight knots and for
liners sixteen knots. In 1913 therefore
the British liners offered sixty per cent.
of the space available for carrying pur-
poses in the British mercantile marine.
In 1925 the liners offer eighty-one per
cent. of the total space available.

The statistics of clearances of ships
with cargo for 1925 provide some most
interesting figures. Of the vessels plying
between Europe and Asia via Suez 95
per cent. were liners, on the Europe and
North America route 80 per cent. were
liners, on the North America and Asia
route, via Suez and Panama Canals, the
liners totalled 84 per cent. The lowest
figure in ten world routes was that re-
corded for North America and South
Africa. The liners took 72 per cent. of
the trade on that route.

Why has there been this decline in the
use of tramp ships? The only real differ-
ence between liners and ocean tramps is
in regularity of employment. The types
merge into one another when considered
structurally. There has come, however,
a tendency towards specialization and
organisation. The methods of merchants
have changed. Tropical fruits are now
carried in ships fitted up especially for
the purpose. A few tramps pick up
occasional cargoes of bananas, but the
wastage of the fruit is much greater than
when it is carried in the more suitably
equipped vessels. The big industrial com-
panies own their own ships or have agree-
ments with certain shipping combinations.
They have ceased to charter tramps. The
large, established shipping companies
have sought out the traders and have
established more or less permanent
arrangements with them. The great trade
slump that followed the post-war boom
was world wide. The traders were taught
by experience to move, not whole cargoes,
but small shipments. The fluctuations in
exchange made them cautious. No doubt
as civilisation develops, with its rapid
method of communication by wireless and
cables and its tendency towards amal-
gamations in industry, anything indi-
vidual such as a tramp steamer will find
competition increasingly hard.

Captain KATK and other romantic
figures of fiction have made a sentimental
appeal to us. The increasing need for
efficiency seems to destroy romance. It
is much more comfortable to travel on a
liner and apparently it is more satis-
factory to move cargo by a regular ship-
ping line. It is, however, rather sad to
part with old friends.

A Chinese woman was rescued from the
harbour near the Wing Lok Wharf on
Thursday and sent to hospital.

Two typewriters, valued at \$100 have
been stolen from the offices of Messrs.
Odell & Behar, A.P.C. Building.

One Chinese case of small-pox and one
Portuguese case of diphtheria were re-
ported during the 24 hours ended May
27th.

An Indian steamer passenger on the
B.I. steamer *Shirala*, jumped overboard
in the Sulphur Channel on Thursday and
was drowned.

Dr. S. C. Ho has received a notification
declaring him to be a duly elected
member of the Sanitary Board with effect
from May 22nd.

In a dispute between two Indians on
the s.s. *Nantua* yesterday, a coal trimmer
received wounds in the head. His alleged
assailant is now in custody.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday,
Mr. D. O. de Silva, of the Sun Life
Insurance Co., was fined \$3 for allowing
his dog to be abroad unmuzzled.

The annual dinner of the Kowloon
Football Club, which was to have taken
place this evening at the Kowloon Hotel,
has now been definitely cancelled.

S. Anderson, a seaman of the s.s.
Elkridge, reported to the police yester-
day that he had been attacked by a
number of men at 5 a.m. and had been
thrown into the harbour. He appeared
at the Police Station with cuts on his
face and with his clothes wet. He was
removed to hospital, and missed his ship
in consequence.

A Chinese stoker of the s.s. *Sheng Mi*
was fined \$5,000 or six months' imprison-
ment at the Central Magistracy yester-
day for possession of 70 tael of opium,
valued at \$960. The vessel had arrived
from Amoy on Thursday. Mr. R. E.
Lindsell, the Magistrate, said that he
understood there was a great deal of
opium smuggling from Amoy.

Incorporated with the evening service
at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-
morrow will be the first organ recital by
Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., who re-
cently arrived in the Colony to take over
his duties as Church Organist. His pro-
gramme will consist of five numbers
opening with a prelude in C minor
(Guilmant) and concluding with Festal
Prelude (Markham-Lee). The vocalists
will be Miss F. McGill and Mr. J. W.
Baldwin. The former will render "Oh,
for a closer walk" (M. B. Foster) and
the latter will contribute "The Blind
Ploughman" (Clarke).

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

MILITARY RISINGS IN NORTH
AND SOUTH.

SEQUEL TO GOVERNMENT'S
"DICTATORIAL METHODS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Lisbon, May 26th.

A military insurrection in which two
divisions are said to be involved, has
broken out in North and South Portugal.
The Government is stated to be in a
position to control the situation.

The only previous indications of poli-
tical trouble in Portugal were contained
in despatches ten days ago, stating a
ministerial crisis was inevitable over the
tobacco monopoly.

Force had to be used to disperse crowds
of demonstrators for and against the
monopoly, outside Parliament where
stormy debates ended in a decision to
extend the Legislative session to July
15th, with a view to a definite settlement
of the tobacco question.

Senor Jose Santos, addressing a meet-
ing of Left Democrats, said if the Govern-
ment did not abandon dictatorial methods,
it would be dismissed if necessary by a
revolution.

COAL SITUATION.

BRITISH HOUSEHOLDERS NOW ON RATIONS.

PRINTERS REACH AGREEMENT.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, May 27th.

The seriousness of the coal situation is emphasised by the announcement by the Secretary of Mines that householders will only be allowed half one hundredweight of coal per week from to-morrow. They must fetch it themselves and must have a written permit from the local authorities. This is one quarter of the amount allowed to the smallest houses in war time and is one of the many restrictions imposed owing to dwindling supplies. Business premises are cut down to half supplies, and no illuminated signs are allowed. Street lighting has been reduced to a "safety minimum."

A Whitehall communiqué under the Emergency Powers Act in this connection adds that heavy penalties are provided for non-compliance with the above orders. PRINTERS REACH AGREEMENT.

LONDON, May 27th.

The Federation of Master Printers and the Newspaper Society to-day agreed to a national settlement with the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation providing for a continuance of the agreements existing prior to May 1st. It contains provisions for the prevention of lightning strikes and stipulates there will be no interference with the contents of newspapers or periodicals published by the members of the employers' organisations.

UNITY AMONG NATIONS.

"TIMES" AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, May 27th.

Commenting on the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference, the *Times* says every year the proceedings of the Conference increase in practical utility, and this year should mark a distinct advance in the promotion of unity among nations, which is their ultimate aim.

Delegates may compete with each other in their respective spheres, but since trade is the cement of nations, they all share a common interest. There are misunderstandings and prejudices which may never be cleared away. For complete unanimity there is a great deal of useful work to be done, and the efforts of the conference to establish a commercial federation of nations are a most valuable contribution to the happiness and peace of the world.

NOT ALLOWED TO LAND.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR AND AMERICAN JOURNALIST.

LONDON, May 28th.

Referring to the announcement that Charles Edward Russell, American journalist, was prohibited from landing at Plymouth from the liner *President Roosevelt*, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., says this must have been an error on the part of a subordinate official.

Russell is a brilliant journalist, a powerful speaker and was strongly pro-Ally during the War. He is an avowed Socialist, but was never regarded as a friend of violent methods. He was accompanied by Mr. Eli Haroot on a Government mission to Russia.

TRAVELLING RECORD.

AMERICAN TO GET ROUND WORLD IN 31 DAYS.

Moscow, May 28th.

The American, John Goldstrom, aeronautical expert, who is attempting to reduce the round-the-world travelling record to 31 days, arrived in Plymouth from New York aboard the *Mauretania* on May 25th.

He flew to Croydon, and thence aeroplaned to Berlin and Moscow, arriving at the latter on the 27th. He departed immediately for Harbin by train.

SUBMARINE'S TRIP.

DUTCH UNDERSEA CRAFT TO TOUR EAST INDIES.

AMSTERDAM, May 27th.

The Dutch submarine *K-15*, has left on a six months' cruise to the Dutch East Indies. This is believed to be the longest trip ever undertaken by an unescorted submarine, and it is expected to arrive at Surabaya on December 12th. It will go via Palma, Curacao, the Panama Canal, San Francisco, Honolulu, Guam, Yap and Manila and take oceanographical observations en route.

ABD EL KRIM'S SURRENDER.

FRANCE BREATHES SIGH OF RELIEF.

PARIS, May 27th.

France's great sigh of relief at the surrender of Abd el Krim rustles the pages of the newspapers, which joyfully welcome the end of the Riff venture, of which they emphasise there must be no repetition. The Riff must henceforth be properly governed, in which connection a continuance of Franco-Spanish co-operation is underlined in order to exploit the wealth of Morocco. It is suggested that Abd el Krim will not be permitted to reside in Moslem territory and may be compelled to apologise to the Sultan of Morocco.

Le Matin describes Krim's surrender as the dissipation of German and Bolshevik dreams of France's ruin in Morocco and adds, "that for all her 1,700,000 dead, France has shown once again that she can defend herself. Abd el Krim can rely on our clemency but the pardon does not signify forgetfulness, and we shall remember his dealings with Bolsheviks and Pan-Germans."

FRANCO-SPANISH CONFERENCE.

PARIS, May 28th.

The French and Spanish Governments will negotiate on the fate of Abd el Krim. Moreover, the papers understand that a Franco-Spanish conference will be held probably at Algiers, in order to deal with several questions concerning the Riffs in the future, especially the restoration of a steady peace, and the exact fixing of frontiers.

SIAM'S CROWN PRINCE.

SENT TO HOSPITAL AT GUERNSEY.

LONDON, May 28th.

The Crown Prince of Siam, who is a Naval cadet on a training ship cruising around the Channel Islands has been sent to Hospital at Guernsey suffering from measles.

FRENCH POLITICS.

M. BRIAND'S POSITION STRENGTHENED.

PARIS, May 27th.

On what was tantamount to a vote of confidence, the Chamber by 320 votes to 200, agreed to the Government's demand for an adjournment of interpellations on the financial situation. Undoubtedly, the recovery of the franc followed the collapse of Abd el Krim, and has greatly strengthened M. Briand's position.

COLONIAL POLICY.

PARIS, May 27th.

The Chamber of Deputies by 325 votes to 194 has postponed an interpellation by M. Outrey, the Democratic Left Deputy for Cochinchina, on the Government's colonial policy in Cochinchina.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

"WHITE STAR" LINE.

BRITISH INTERESTS OFFER OF £7,500,000.

NEW YORK, May 27th.

The International Mercantile Marine Company will hold a meeting on June 17th to confirm the proposed sale of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, otherwise known as the White Star Line, to British interests headed by Furness, Whithy & Company for about £7,500,000. It is understood that in connection with the sale the vendors agree to limit competition in the present White Star trade routes.

SWEDEN'S CROWN PRINCE.

WARMLY WELCOMED IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, May 27th.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden arrived, amid the screaming whistles of vessels in the Harbour, and were met by the Swedish Minister and a number of distinguished Americans. They were escorted up Broadway by 800 picked American troops to the City Hall, where the Mayor formally welcomed them. Later they departed for Washington in a special train, where they will stay at the Swedish Legation.

EARL CARROLL.

THEATRICAL PRODUCER FOUND GUILTY OF PERJURY.

NEW YORK, May 27th.

Earl Carroll, the well-known theatrical producer, has been found guilty of perjury for swearing before a grand jury that no intoxicants were served at one of his parties, at which chorus girls, it is alleged, in a bath tub of champagne figured prominently.

TORTURED BY BANDITS.

CAPTIVE AMERICANS IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, May 27th.

That he is ill as the result of torture inflicted by bandits who hung him up by the thumbs is announced in a letter to the American Consul at Torreon from Laredo, Texas, by a mineowner named Braden, who, with two other Americans, Gallagher, an engineer, and Shanklin, a planter, are held prisoner by Mexican bandits in Durango State. Braden adds he is held for ransom for 6,000 pesos.

MINE MISHAP.

TRAPPED MINERS RESCUED FROM PIT.

New York, May 27th.

A message from Scranton, Pennsylvania, says that about eighty miners are believed to be trapped behind a fire which has broken out in the "Mount Look-out" coal mine. Five miners have managed to fight their way through the smoke and reach the surface suffering from the effects of smoke inhaled.

LATER.

All the imprisoned miners reached an air chamber where they waited until rescued.

AMUNDSEN'S FLIGHT.

EXPLORERS TO WRITE BOOK ON EXPERIENCES.

New York, May 27th.

It is reported from Nome, Alaska, that Amundsen and Nobile have declined invitations to lecture in the United States and that they will proceed across America from Seattle to Oslo where they will write a book of their experiences.

BOBBING THE HAIR.

GIRLS BURIED TO THE NECK DURING OPERATION.

RED-HOT EMBERS USED.

Bobbing and shingling of women's hair is a new fashion at home, but it has long been a social and religious custom in some primitive tribes.

This Ceremony of the Hair-Cutting was described by Mr. F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer, in a talk on his recent journeys with Lady Richmond Brown, through little known regions in the north of South America, broadcast from 2LO.

The ceremony takes place at the transitional stage from girlhood to womanhood, a closely cropped head signifying that the girl has reached marriageable age.

On a day appointed by the witch-doctors, the chief, his headmen, and the entire population arrive.

A priestess has the immediate supervision of the young girl, who is placed in a large hole dug in a corner of the dwelling. The hole is then filled in to the girl's shoulders.

After a chant by the whole assemblage, the priestess sprinkles the girl with water, then, placing a half calabash over her head, burns off a small piece of hair with a red-hot ember, which is afterwards buried in the earth.

Again a chant breaks out, and another piece of hair is burnt off. The burying of the ember each time, and the throwing of cold water, are intended to symbolise the trials and troubles the girl will have to encounter; and the chanting and singing the pleasures that lie before her.

"I witnessed one of these ceremonies," said Mr. Hedges. "The girl was buried for over six hours, and when she was released from her cramped position she was unable to stand, and had to be carried to a hammock."

In some little-known tribes a number of marriageable girls stand in a row, then dart off into the jungle. The youths give chase a few minutes later, and by trial and error each girl is the wife of her captor.

WHERE WOMAN PROPOSES.

In one utterly degenerate tribe it was the girl who chose the youth. He was simply seized, carried to her home, and when certain rites had been performed, they were man and wife. Thereafter, for the rest of his life he had no will of his own and did nothing until first ordered by the woman.

Many tribes believe that the spirit of those who die makes its way at night to a river, where a dugout is waiting for it, in which another spirit is seated. It is conveyed to a place where the river branches out into a number of streams, and there a Great Spirit stands, and indicates which waterway it must take. Finally, the spirit arrives at a celestial village, its Valhalla, where for ever afterwards it does nothing but eat and drink in a state of perfect happiness.

SOVIET'S 25 TAX ON SHOES.

According to *Pigott's Bulletin*, a shipping publication issued in New York, the Russian Soviet Government has increased the duties on certain articles five- and ten-fold. A pair of women's shoes is now taxed 25 instead of 5, cosmetics 25 instead of 5, and felt hats 25 each instead of 5.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ANTI-AMERICAN OUTRAGES.

COUNSELLOR MAYER TO CONSULT SOUTH CHINA CONSULS.

PEKING, May 28th.

The American Legation states that Counsellor Mayer has gone to Canton, on instructions from the Secretary of State, to consult with American consuls in South China with regard to the situation in that region, where a number of recent outrages against Americans and their interests, have caused increasing concern to the American Government.

WAR IN NORTH.

KUOMINCHUN IN THE STRONGEST POSITION.

PEKING, May 28th.

General Yen Hsi Shan, telegraphing to Marshals Wu Pei Fu and Chang Tso Lin on the 27th inst., says that after defeating the Kuominchun attacks, the Shansites followed up the enemy for ten li. The Kuominchun are "holding" the strongest position and are considerably reinforced.

A new battle lasted for two days and nights, during which fresh Kuominchun troops continued to arrive from Kalgan.

He fears, therefore, that the Shansites will be unable to subdue the enemy without Allied assistance, and has ordered them to prepare strong defences at Kushan. He requests Chang Tso Lin to order Fengtien forces to attack the Kuominchun from the East as soon as possible.

ATTEMPT ON FENG'S LIFE.

"CHRISTIAN" GENERAL DENIES THE REPORT.

PEKING, May 28th.

Tass, the Soviet official agency, publishes a telegram from Moscow to the effect that the report circulated in the Press that an attempt was made on the life of General Feng Yu Hsiang, while visiting a factory at Moscow, is absolutely untrue.

No incident of the kind occurred there. General Feng Yu Hsiang, it is stated, expressed indignation at the circulation of such a baseless report and asked that it be emphatically denied.

[The report in question stated that:—Chinese messages received in Shanghai, state that two Chinese attempted to assassinate Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang whilst he was inspecting an arsenal in Moscow. Marshal Feng was not injured, and his assailants were arrested.]

THE NORTHERN LEADERS.

MARSHAL WU LEAVES HANKOW FOR PEKING.

HANKOW, May 27th.

Wu Pei Fu left for Peking by a special train at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Commenting on the departure, the vernacular papers state that the forthcoming meeting with Chang will dispel many rumours of differences between them and enable them to arrive at a lasting understanding for the country's peace.

Local students are most active in collecting funds and otherwise encouraging the B. C. C. strike. The Company is optimistic and hopes for a settlement in two or three days.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the case in which Mrs. W. B. Hind, sued her husband, the local solicitor, for maintenance was adjourned *sine die*. Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, the Magistrate, said that a settlement had been arranged out of Court.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was fined \$100, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment for stealing pinewood at Shaikwan. Four women, similarly charged, were fined \$50 each, with the alternative of four weeks' imprisonment.

PAUL PRY OF THE POST OFFICE.

OFFICE.

SECRET CHAMBER OF THE G.P.O.

Among the very many financial Bills which have recently been before the French Chamber, one, designed to prevent the export of capital, contained a remarkable clause. It proposed to give the authorities power to open any letters they thought fit.

We in present-day Britain are very jealous of the inviolability of our correspondence, no letters can be opened in transit without a special warrant from the Home Secretary for each case, and that power is, very fortunately, but rarely exercised.

INTERCEPTION OF LETTERS.

Roughly speaking, State monopoly of the posts was first insisted upon during the Commonwealth, which, relying largely upon force for its existence, lived in daily fear of counterplots. So, when the Act bringing into being the first properly constituted English Post Office was before Parliament, it was frankly admitted that the object was to make easier the interception of any Royalist correspondence.

With the Restoration came the protective measure requiring special warrants, which was confirmed in the Act of 1710, whereby the whole postal service was re-organized. But the authorities did not bother much about formalities in those days: anything suspect they opened.

In the middle of the eighteenth century there was a "secret chamber," really a private office, in the old G.P.O., fully equipped with prying devices. Wafer-seals—there were no envelopes then—were steamed loose. Where wax had been used, an impression of the seal was taken in bread-paste; then the letter was held in front of a blazing fire until the wax became soft enough to allow a thin steel blade to pass under it. The document was then re-sealed with the bread-stamp.

WAFER-SEALS AS BAITS.

There was a tremendous outcry throughout this country when, in 1844, it became known that the Post Office had been opening the correspondence of Mazzini, the Italian patriot, and communicating the contents to the Austrian Ambassador. Sir James Graham was Home Secretary at the time, and he earned an immense amount of popular dislike for his share of the business. Punch took a hand in baiting him by issuing a series of quaint wafer-seals for the benefit of Post Office Paul Pry's. Each wafer bore a design and an inscription. Here are a couple of examples: Underneath a clenched fist was the legend, "Should this meet your eye"; a crocodile, "You're welcome to the inside," and so on.

A Committee of both Houses examined the question, and it was reluctantly admitted that the privilege could not safely be abolished. But we may now rest assured that the power is exercised only in matters of serious import to the State. —*T.P.'s Weekly*.

EX-MINISTER AND LOVELY SPY.

HER WILES TO TRAP HIM.

CONFESSION AND WARNING TO M.P.'s

Love-letters written to the beautiful dancer and spy Mata Hari, who was shot by a firing party during the war, have now been acknowledged by M. Messimy, the French ex-Minister of War, to have been written by him.

They had formerly been attributed to M. Malvy, the amnestied ex-Minister of the Interior, by his enemies.

Mme. Séverine, the well-known writer, recently appealed to M. Messimy, in justice to M. Malvy, to say whether it was correct that he had written to the fascinating dancer who cultivated the acquaintance of statesmen and politicians.

M. Messimy has replied to Mme. Séverine in a letter from which the *Journal* gives the following extract:

"It would be contrary to my life-long principles to decline to answer the pressing appeal which you make to me in the name of equity."

TEMPTING AND MYSTERIOUS.

"For many months—this was 14 years ago—Mata Hari used every means . . . which she knew how to employ in incomparable fashion in order to be on intimate terms with me. I found her . . . filled with mystery, tempting, and disquieting."

"Exactly in what terms my letters were couched I do not remember to this day, because, although she carefully preserved them, I never took the trouble to keep copies of letters of that kind. Certainly they were written with gallantry, because I recall that when I wrote them I reproached myself for being too inattentive to the counsels of prudence."

"I hope the adventure will serve as a lesson to those members of Parliament who are budding Cabinet Ministers and are pursued by pretty women whose wiles they only vaguely suspect."

MOST WONDERFUL STATUE IN THE WORLD.

[BY CAPT. CHARLES T. FOXCROFT, M.P.]

In the teeming centre of modern Rome stand the grey cloisters of an old-world monastery surrounding a peaceful garden, where fountains plash and roses riot, among dark sentinel cypresses, the whole year through.

This monastery is now Rome's national museum. Its cloisters contain antique Grecian statuary from Athens, Asia Minor, and North Africa—and many ancient copies of vanished masterpieces by Pheidias and Scopas, wrought by Greek captives for rich Roman masters.

Wandering round these cloisters one autumn afternoon, I encountered four exuberant "American" schoolmarm, poking fun at the statues as they passed. Their raucous laughter and vacuous jests made me wonder why Fate (or the usually discerning American educational authorities) had sent them here.

Then I entered one of the little monastic cells in which the museum's supreme treasures are housed, and in a flash I understood why Fate had sent those schoolmarm there! They seemed suddenly transformed! All four were standing, their backs to the wall, mute and motionless, their eyes, their very souls, riveted upon something in the centre of the cell.

It was a statue of a girl. Head and arms were gone, yet by some magic of the artist's hand there she stood, her perfect body poised upon her lovely limbs—alive! Yes, as alive as when she stood before the Attic sculptor in her virginal loveliness 2,500 years ago.

The artist is unknown. All we are sure of is that the statue is of the best Greek period and was unearthed by Italian soldiers in a trench near Cyrene during their war with the Turks in North Africa. Who wrought her matters little—she was certainly a master of his craft. Other masterpieces magnificently counterfeited life; this alone of all statues that I have ever seen is actually alive.

Rodin, the great French sculptor, is reported to have stood speechless before her for half an hour, to have turned to go with the one word "Marvellous!"—and then to have returned to gaze.

As I felt I said to the old guardian, "I have never seen anything like this before. This is no statue. She lives! She breathes!" He was touching the marble almost as a lover, and he smiled on me like a man who has made a friend for life.

Then there happened perhaps the most wonderful thing of all. When in my abysmal ignorance I offered him a rather princely tip he gently but very firmly refused it, saying, "This soft Italian tongue, 'You too love her, signor; that is enough for me.'—*Daily Mail*."

NEW AMERICAN BRIDGE LAWS.

Reference was made in the *Daily Press* recently to the new American bridge laws drawn up by the Whist Club of New York.

Commenting upon the new rules in the *Daily Mail*, Mr. A. E. Manning Foster says:—

The number of laws is reduced to 54, as against 62 in the former American code. (Our laws number 100.) The irritating explanatory footnotes which disfigured the American code of 1920 have been abolished. The new laws are admirably concise and clear, and, although some of the alterations may not appeal to English players, there can be nothing but admiration for the manner in which the code has been framed.

In all the previous codes the laws of whist were taken as the structure, with variations first for bridge and then for auction bridge. Now for the first time auction bridge has been treated as it should be—as an entirely new game. The old anomaly that the ace counted lowest in cutting for seats or partners and highest in play has been abolished. Under the new code the ace counts highest in cutting (the suits ranking as in play) and the drawer of the *highest* card becomes dealer. Thus cards and suits rank in the same order in drawing, bidding, and play.

The chief alterations concern the revoke penalty. The new revoke penalty for either side is two tricks for the first revoke, one trick for each subsequent revoke. These tricks are taken at the end of the hand from the tricks of the revoking side and added to the tricks on the other side. They count exactly as if won in play, and may assist the declarer to make his contract or go game, or may assist the adversaries to defeat the contract, in which case they carry full bonus values. If they make the total 12 or 13 tricks for either side they carry the proper slam bonus.

After surrendering these tricks the revoking side may store for its remaining tricks as it would if it had not revoked. If the revoking side has not enough tricks to pay the penalty in full, surrendering all it has pays the penalty; if it has no tricks there is no penalty.

The clauses in italics mark a further departure from English practice. Under our laws if the declarer revokes he cannot go game or score below the line at all. Now, in America declarer may go game, even if he has revoked, provided he has sufficient tricks to give him game after deducting the two tricks he surrenders for the revoke.

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INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG v. MALAYA.
THE FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

The Hongkong Interport team opened their programme in Malaya yesterday, when they met Malaya in a three days' match at Singapore.

Two cables were received in Hongkong yesterday showing the progress made during the first day's play. Malaya won the toss and batted first.

At the tiffin interval they had knocked up 112 for three wickets, the principal scorers being Armitage, 84 (not out) and R. N. Hamilton 28 (not out). The bowling analysis at that time showed that A. C. I. Bowker had secured 2 wickets for 27 runs, G. R. Sayer 1 for 23, while E. B. Reed's figures were 0 for 24.

The second telegram gave the news that Malaya were all out for 333, a very creditable score, 102 of which were knocked up by Rhodes, while Armitage and Hamilton had collected 84 and 86 respectively, and de Vitre secured 45. Armitage did not add to his score after the interval.

The bowling analysis read: Bowker, 1 for 10; E. B. Reed, 1 for 20; the Rev. T. B. Powell, 3 for 110; and G. R. Sayer, 2 for 47. The telegram concluded with "Tail still wagging."

On Tuesday, the Hongkong team will meet the F.M.S. in a three days' match at Kuala Lumpur.

MALAYAN RECORD OVER 26 YEARS.

In view of the visit of the Hongkong team to Malaya, the Singapore Free Press publishes Malaya's record in interport matches.

Thirty-six years have passed since a team of Malayan cricketers first visited Hongkong, to be dismissed for 84 and 79 and defeated by an innings and 147 runs. A second match was played in 1890 and, while the visitors did rather better, they were again comfortably beaten. Prior to this Hongkong and Shanghai had played each other on four occasions since 1896 and Shanghai had won three of the matches. Since their first visit to Hongkong Malaya has figured in thirteen matches in the triangular series against Hongkong and Shanghai, the results of all the games that have taken place between the three sides since Malaya first participated in the interport series, being given below:

1890.—Hongkong 290 beat Malaya 84 and 79. Hongkong 127 and 78 for 3 beat Malaya 87 and 113.

1891.—Hongkong 268 and 72 for 4 v. Shanghai 180 and 300 for 3 drawn. Malaya 93 and 193 beat Hongkong 40 and 75.

1892.—Hongkong 429 beat Shanghai 103 and 134. Shanghai 112 and 202 beat Hongkong 73 and 70.

1897.—Hongkong 163 and 201 for 9 beat Shanghai 173 and 189. Malaya 413 beat Hongkong 218 and 118. Malaya 138 beat Shanghai 78 and 61.

1897.—Hongkong 173 and 129 beat Shanghai 203 and 74.

1901.—Shanghai 239 and 153 for 3 beat Hongkong 230 and 157. Hongkong 192 and 200 beat Malaya 253 and 100. Shanghai 227 and 110 for 9 beat Malaya 105 and 231.

1903.—Hongkong 336 beat Shanghai 122 and 191.

1904.—Hongkong 274 and 109 for 6 beat Shanghai 229 and 151. Malaya 129 and 232 for 6 beat Hongkong 153 and 110. Malaya 93 and 160 beat Shanghai 113 and 113.

1908.—Shanghai 130 and 121 beat Hongkong 46 and 66.

1907.—Hongkong 281 and 137 for 6 beat Shanghai 312 and 135.

1908.—Shanghai 228 and 10 for 0 beat Hongkong 74 and 163.

1909.—Shanghai 294 and 166 beat Hongkong 208 and 218. Hongkong 453 for 9 beat Shanghai 153 and 78. Hongkong 211 and 70 beat Malaya 179 and 100. Malaya 230 and 150 for 6 beat Hongkong 229 and 150.

1911.—Shanghai 175 beat Hongkong 59 and 93.

1912.—Hongkong 417 beat Shanghai 200 and 191.

1914.—Shanghai 198 and 191 beat Hongkong 158 and 124.

1920.—Hongkong 279 and 79 for 4 beat Shanghai 168 and 159. Malaya 236 and 90 beat Hongkong 161 and 158. Shanghai 224 beat Malaya 117 and 68.

1921.—Hongkong 150 and 149 for 8 beat Malaya 147 and 157. Shanghai 119 and 284 beat Malaya 208 and 106. Hongkong 220 beat Shanghai 109 and 108.

MALAYA AT ITS STRONGEST.

It will be seen that of the ten matches played between Malaya and Hongkong each side has won five, and that Malaya have won two of the last three of the matches played against Shanghai. Malaya's superiority was very pronounced in 1897, when they defeated Hongkong and Shanghai in separate matches by more than an innings, and followed these successes up by an innings victory over a combined Hongkong and Shanghai side. In the match against Hongkong C. G. Glassford, who opened the Malayan innings with M. H. Whitley, the present Attorney-General, scored 110 and later in the innings G. P. Stevens contributed 101 and H. L. Talbot, who captained the side, 81. R. M. Mackenzie took 12 wickets for 112 runs in that match, and Whitley during 24 overs, 14 of which were maidens, captured 4 second innings wickets for 47. Mackenzie also played a large part in Malaya's victory over the combined side, for after knocking up 153 out of a total of 351, he took 4 wickets for 48 and 4 for 33. With Whitley capturing 4 for 13 in the first innings and J. G. McTaggart 2 for 12 in the first and 6 for 29 in the second, the China XI was dismissed for 83 and 64.

RECENT MATCHES.

Malayan cricketers visited Hongkong in 1920, and defeated Hongkong, but lost to Shanghai by an innings. Several of the Malayan players in that year—N. A. M. Griffin, Dr. Hennessy, V. E. H. Rhodes, A. E. Holmes Brown, L. A. Tucker, Norman Grenier, Dr. W. Martin, E. J. Riches, A. A. Claxton, F. H. S. Caryll, (Continued on next column).

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

TOTTENHAM SCRATCHES.

Owing to the departure from the Colony of Dr. R. E. Tottenham, the well-known University player, F. A. Redmond receives a walk over in the Club Singles and so enters the semi-final to meet Major W. B. Stevenson. The winner will play S. E. Green, the holder, in the final.

In the Handicap Doubles in which Tottenham partners Forster, Major Pratt and Major Stevenson (owe 2/6) receive a walk over in the fourth round and enter the semi-final to meet Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (owe 4/6). The winners will play A. H. Crook and O. C. Womack (rec. 3/6) in the final.

It is hoped to conclude the Tournament on June 1st.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES:

"A" DIVISION.

University v. Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. United Services R.C.

"B" DIVISION.

Chinese R.C. v. Club de Recreo.
United Services R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Hongkong C.C. v. M.B.K.
Netherlands T.B. v. Indian R.C.

"C" DIVISION.

Craigengower v. Taiiko.
Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C.
Club de Recreo v. Hongkong C.C.

TEAMS.

H.K.C.C. v. M.B.K.

To be played on the Cricket Club ground at 4.15 p.m. ("B" Division).
H.K.C.C.—W. A. Nowers and L. Baines; L. M. S. Lloyd and A. K. MacKenzie; Capt. H. F. Bloxham and E. J. R. Mitchell.

H.K.C.C. v. CLUB DE RECREO.

To be played on the Club de Recreo ground at 4.15 p.m. ("C" Division).
H.K.C.C.—M. M. Watson and H. G. Sheldon; N. C. Barber and B. Crowley; J. D. H. Crawford and E. W. Hamilton.

BILLIARDS.

FALKNER AT S.C.A.A. CLUB.

At the South China Athletic Association Club, China Building, last night, Claud Falkner did not play as well as he has previously done in the exhibition games which has given in the Colony.

In a game of 500 up, he went 23 times to the table, and his average was 28. His highest break was 107. He had five consecutive blanks, and delighted the large gathering present. He made several breaks of more than 70. His opponent, S. C. Kwok, scored 134, his highest break being 25.

In a game of snooker, Kwok played well. Falkner won by 12 to 42.

He gave a number of exhibition billiard shots, which were absolutely amazing.

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

In a game of 500 up against Falkner at the Dockyard Recreation Club on Thursday night, Mr. F. J. Jones scored 178, the highest score made by any player in the Colony playing against Falkner. Falkner's highest break was 173.

FALKNER v. OSMUND.

Billiards enthusiasts will have an opportunity of witnessing another exhibition by the well-known billiards player, Mr. Claud Falkner. Mr. Falkner, who earlier this week defeated Mr. A. J. Osmund by 878 to 149 will meet the local champion again this evening at the Club Lusitano. Play will begin at 8 o'clock.

RUGBY.

HONGKONG BANK AND UNION INSURANCE v. H.K.R.F.C.

This match will be played at King's Park to-day at 3.15 p.m.

Bank and Union Insurance XV.—J. A. D. Morrison, full back; E. A. Brodie, E. C. Hudson, S. M. Garrard, and O. Skinner, three-quarters; C. D. Wales and L. P. Ralph, halves; R. L. Moncrieff, A. C. Groves, W. Beveridge, J. H. Sutcliffe, R. P. Moodie, R. MacIntyre, D. A. Campbell and R. W. Lee, forwards.

BASEBALL.

The Hongkong Baseball Association officially opens its League programme this afternoon on Happy Valley Diamond.

The opening game is between the South China Athletic Association (the Colony's Champions) and the Japanese Baseball Club (the runners-up of last season).

Provided the weather remains fine, there should be a large attendance. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will pitch the first ball. The match commences at four o'clock.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a match between the Hongkong Baseball Club and the Filipino Club.

H. L. Mitchell, and Major F. H. Gunner are still available. Riches (82 and 3 for 10 for Malaya against Hongkong), and 35 for the Rest against Hongkong), Holmes Brown (58 for Malaya against Hongkong), 32 against Shanghai, and 64 for the Rest), Rhodes (42 not out against Hongkong) and Hennessy (4 for 54 and 5 for 55 against Hongkong) were the most successful.

Holmes Brown, who headed the Malayan batting averages in the 1920 '21, and Grenier, were members of the side which visited Hongkong in 1924, the other players being Flight Lieut. Livock, Brand, R. T. Foster, Lieut. Payre, P. N. Knight, W. N. Edwards, N. H. P. Whitley, Steven, and Lieut. Thompson. Of these Holmes Brown, Foster, Brand, Payre and Livock did well with the bat, while Lieut. Thompson, of the Middlesex Regt., was the most successful of the visiting bowlers.

CRICKET AT HOME.

AUSTRALIANS AND SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

RYDER AND ANDREWS GREAT STAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 27th

A capital partnership between J. S. Ryder and T. J. E. Andrews which produced 177 runs for the seventh wicket and was unbroken at the close of play, effectively broke up a rot which appeared to be setting in, and provided the feature of the second day's play in the match between the Australians and the "South of England."

With thirty-five runs for one wicket on the board, the Australians continued their first innings at Bristol in dull weather. There was a large attendance and the wicket was playing easy.

By the lunch interval the visitors had lost three valuable wickets for the addition of 66 runs, and two wickets fell quickly on resumption, the score when T. J. E. Andrews and J. S. Ryder came together being 131 for six wickets.

The pair defied the bowling until rain intervened at 5.30 p.m. and put further play out of the question. When stumps were drawn both were not out, the Australian score being 329 (for six wickets). Ryder was the more enterprising of the pair and he had 103 to his credit at the conclusion of play while his partner's total stood at 74 not out.

[The "South" first innings on Wednesday was obviously conspicuous. A fine partnership between A. F. F. Chapman (89) and Hendren (82) had given them a score of 190 for five wickets at ten-time. The remaining wickets fell for the addition of only 13 runs, the South being all out for 211. They are, therefore, 117 runs behind, and four Australian wickets have still to fall.]

THE HOME DERBY.

ACCEPTANCES FOR THE GREAT RACE.

LONDON, May 27th.
Of an original entry of 305 for this year's Derby the acceptances number 30 and are as follows:—

Apple Sammy.	Lancaster.
Ardalagh.	Legros.
Banstar.	Le Taciturne.
Bassoon.	Lex.
Booklet.	Lulworth Cove.
Cixiez.	Macanudo.
Colorado.	Pantera.
Comedy King.	Review Order.
Flinglass.	Rose Hearty.
Gay Lohario.	St. Mary's Kirk.
Grand Flight.	Simon the Beggar.
Harpagon.	Swift and Scurr.
Hercules.	Tenacity.
Lancegaye.	Warmist.

LATEST BETTING.

LONDON, May 27th.

Latest betting on the Derby is:—

Colorado 5/2.
Coronach 5/1.
Lex 10/1.
Swift and Sure 100/8.
Finglass 25/1.
[All taken and offered.]

LAWN BOWLS.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following are the League fixtures in connection with the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association matches to-day:—

DIVISION I.
Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Taiiko R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.

DIVISION II.
Indian Recreation Club v. Taiiko R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. R.H.K.Y.C.

Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreo.
East Point R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.
All games are to be played on the ground of the first named and start at 3.30 p.m. unless otherwise arranged.

Hongkong Weekly Press.

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, PUBLISHED TO-DAY, RECORDS THE GREAT LOSS THE COLONY HAS SUSTAINED BY THE DEATHS OF THE HON. SIR PAUL CHATER AND MR. P. H. HOLYOAK.

The tributes paid in the Legislative Council to the valuable public work of these two prominent citizens are fully reported.

The large and representative attendance at the funeral of Sir Paul Chater is testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1926. [3617]

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1926. [3609]

AMATEUR GOLF.

CLOSING STAGES OF THE TOURNAMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Muirfield, May 27th.

Robert Harris, the veteran holder of the British Amateur Golf title was overwhelmed by "Bobby" Jones this afternoon, the Hon. Michael Scott fell by the wayside, and the whole day's play has had the result of producing the shadow of an American victory.

There are many who express the opinion that the final is epitomised in the result of the Jones-Harris match, and moreover, there is the possibility that the final will be All-American as the remaining American contenders are in the opposite halves of the draw.

Bobby Jones opened his match with Robert Harris with a "hat-trick" of holes, and he turned six up, his medal score being 35. The veteran holder fell before the relentless ability of a player but half his age.

Only W. A. Murray, of the British Walker Cup nominees remains to resist the American challenge.

THE TRANSITION STAGE.

The play to-day was a transition from the preliminary to the closing stages of the championship and the position was one of absorbing interest. Three of the first four results which came in involved the defeats of foreigners.

The Hon. A. Brownlow (Addington) scored a two holes victory over Grant Peacock (America).

Watts Gunn (America) eliminated Noon (Edinburgh) by 3 and 3.

McMaster "knocked out" Brower (America) by two holes.

The Hon. Michael Scott defeated Vagliano (France) by five up and four to play.

Then followed the defeat of Sinclair, the Australian champion, at the hands of Scott, junior (Glasgow). The latter has performed remarkably well during the whole tournament. The Australian lost by two and one.

The Oxford captain, W. A. Cave, defeated Noel Layton by two and one.

Jesse Sweetser (America) beat the Irishman, McCormack by four and three.

Bristowe (Hythe) a comparatively unknown player, defeated "Siegeun" Guildford by one hole.

Bobby Jones playing wonderful golf disposed of Birnie by seven and five.

Robert Harris qualified to meet Jones by defeating Pugh (St. David's) by four and three.

THE LAST EIGHT.

The fifth round, which qualified the winners for the round before the semi-finals brought Harris and Jones together with the result overwhelmingly in favour of the American. Jesse Sweetser (America) qualified for the same stage, but Watts Gunn went down before the Hon. A. Brownlow, who defeated another American in the previous round.

The fifth round results were:— Bobby Jones defeated Harris (holder) by 3 and 6. Brownlow beat Watts Gunn by 3 and 2. Jamieson (Pollock) beat Bristowe "2 and 2." Robert Scott, junr., beat the Hon. Michael Scott by 2 and 1. Jesse Sweetser (America) beat W. A. Cave by 2 and 1. W. A. Murray defeated McMaster by 3 and 2. A. Simpson (Lottianburn) beat H. Gillies (Woking) by 3 and 3. C. Killery (Duddington) beat Board (Home Park) by 3 and 2.

BOBBY JONES, DEFEATED.

Muirfield, May 28th.

The British Amateur Golf Championship, which hitherto has been a long succession of surprises to-day reached its climax by the defeat of one of the two remaining Americans, Bobby Jones, in the sixth round by a comparatively unknown player, A. Jamieson, of Pollock, 4 and 3. Jones yesterday defeated the holder, Robert Harris, 3 and 6, and after this was a strong favourite.

Brownlow defeated Murray by 5 and 4. Jesse Sweetser defeated Scott by two holes.

Simpson beat Killery by two holes.

THE MATCH DESCRIBED.

The weather was sunny, and there was a strongly westerly wind. Jamieson thrilled the large gallery by winning the first two holes, Jones pulling into the rough at the first. He drove into a hazard at the second and halved the hole. Jones won the fourth, holing a "four yarder." Jamieson won the fifth then the 6th and 7th were halved. Jones won the eighth and halved the ninth.

Jamieson won the tenth and halved the eleventh, and won the twelfth, at which Jones was bunkered. The thirteenth was halved. Jones putted poorly at the fourteenth, missing a two yard putt. Jamieson lipped the hole at the fifteenth, while the American, with the gallery in breathless silence, endeavoured a twenty yard putt, and failed. Jamieson was given a great ovation.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

Depressions are still shown over the Eastern Sea, over Tongking and near Amoy.

Local forecast: S. or variable winds, moderate, fair at first, some rain later.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the s.s. *Seang Bee* (British) from Rangoon and Amoy, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that a fireman died during the voyage to Hongkong.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., the master of a passenger boat was fined \$10, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour, for carrying cargo other than passengers luggage, namely 28 bags of flour. At the same Court, the mistress of a cargo boat, and the foki of a trading junk were each fined \$15, on two weeks' hard labour in default, for failing to exhibit regulation lights while under way.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,078, of which the s.s. *Haitong* (British) from Foochow and Amoy carried 567; the s.s. *President Lincoln* (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai 236, and the s.s. *Kaijo Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow 133.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on May 27th at noon.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* left Kobe on May 28th at 6 a.m., and is due at Wosung to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m.

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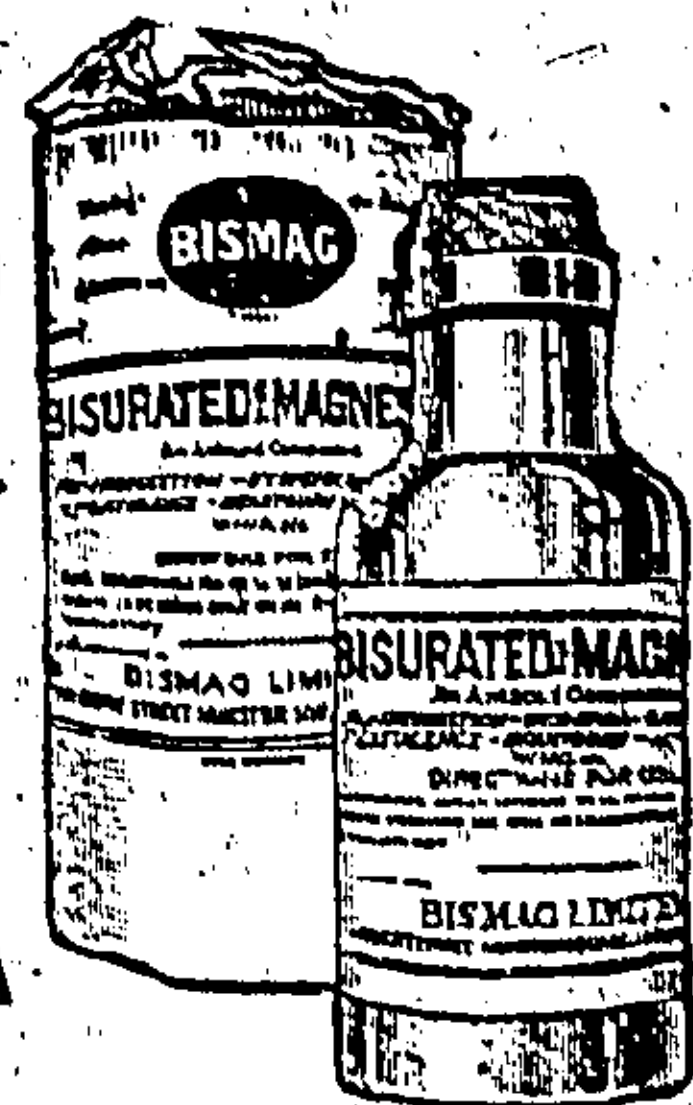
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FOR MAY, 1926.

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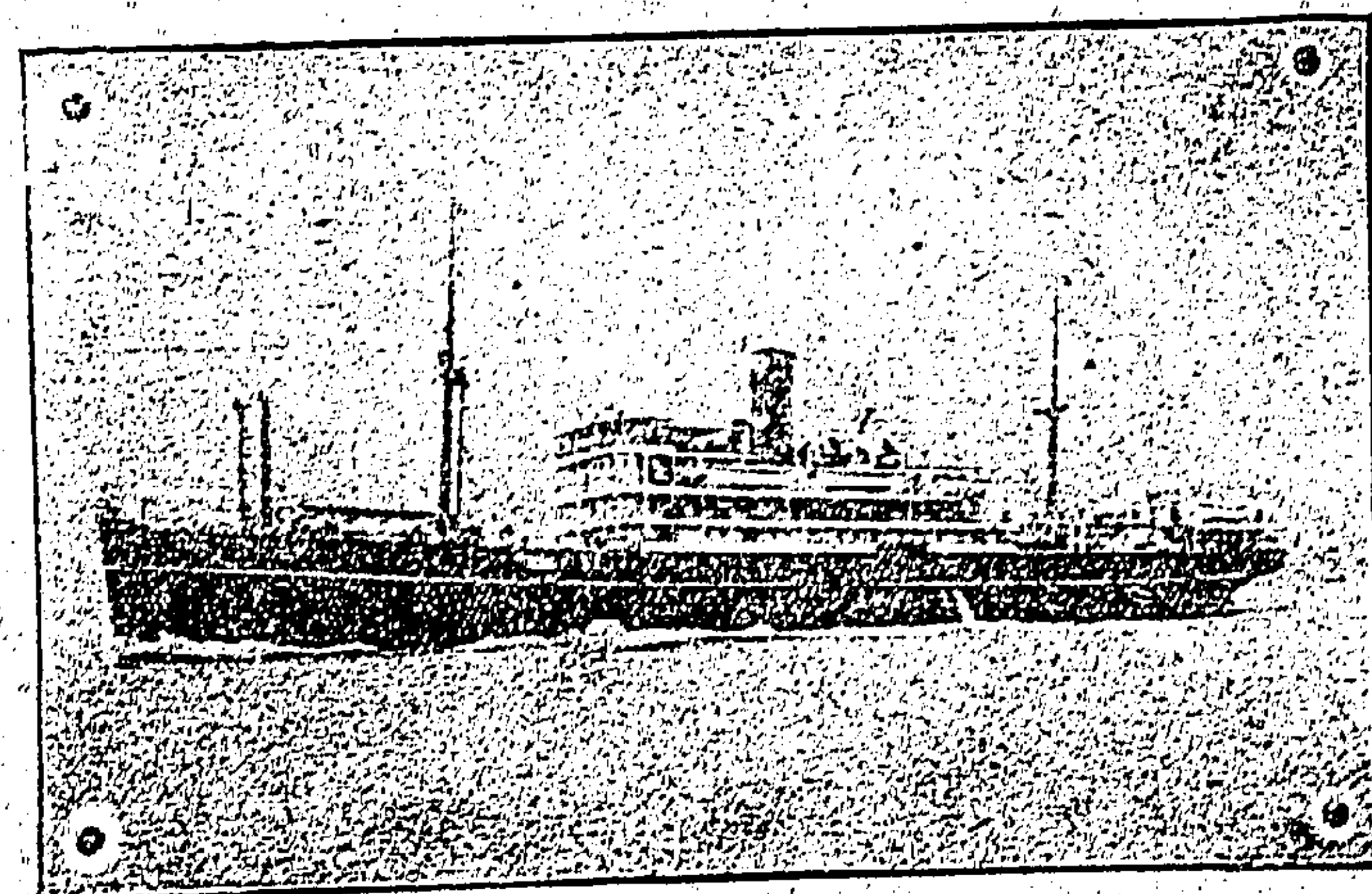
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**MAIL AND PASSENGER STEAMERS
TAKING CARGO FOR**STRAITS, JAVA, BURMA, ORYON, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF, WEST INDIES
[MAURITIUS, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING
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"DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS."
(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)**

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May, Noon	Marseilles & London.
"MIRZAPUR"	8,715	2nd June	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
"NAGPORE"	8,283	7th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KIDDERPORE"	8,334	21st June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	8,318	3th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KARMAHA"	8,128	10th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"PADYA"	8,907	15th July	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,885	22nd July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"RANPURA"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,897	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MORLA"	10,918	18th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMAHA"	8,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Rhedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"SHIRALA"	7,841	27th May, 11 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	6,949	11th June	do.
"SANTHA"	7,754	27th June	do.
"TILAWA"	10,026	5th July	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,013	11th July	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	22nd July	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"TANDA"	8,885	1st June, 10 a.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	29th June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th July	do.

* Calls at Hilo, Zamboanga and Port Banga and omits Sandakan.

The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hilo, Cebu, Kolambugan, Tawau, Timor, Durwin, or other ports en route as inducement of cargo.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—

The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.

The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"JEYPORE"	8,318	1st June, 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"PADUA"	8,907	2nd June, 10 a.m.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SANTHA"	7,754	9th June	Moji and Kobe.
"KARMAHA"	8,128	11th June	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th June	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,026	18th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,013	20th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,885	25th June	Kobe and Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	1st July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"RANPURA"	16,585	8th July	Shanghai only.
"DELTA"	8,897	9th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	8,885	3rd Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	19th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MORLA"	10,918	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

All rates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
*Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.
Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.
Parcels measuring not more than 2½ ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.
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Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAI-NING," "HAIHONG" and "HAICHING" at the Reduced Rate of \$30.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

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General Managers.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,

LIMITED.

SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 29th May	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 30th May	6 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 1st June	6 a.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 1st June	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHEN"	On 3rd June	6 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 3rd June	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SEANTUNG"	On 5th June	6 a.m.
AMOY, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 5th June	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KURICHOW"	On 7th June	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 8th June	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 12th June	6 a.m.

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Excellent & Most Up-to-date First & Second Class Passenger Accommodation.
HONGKONG TO SYDNEY—19 DAYS.

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CHANGTE	10th August	14th August
TAIPING	11th September	16th September

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FROM CALCUTTA AND COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

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S.S. "LYCAON"	...	Via Suez Canal	4th June
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S.S. "LAOMEDON"	...	Via Suez Canal	16th July

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.
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